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## Blinding sandstorm

THE present sandstorms in Kuwait will continue until coming Thursday, according to a report by the General Administration for Civil Aviation.

A statement issued by Civil Aviation yesterday, said that its meteorological centre has observed a high pressure belt in the north-

west of the country and the resulting difference in air pressure coupled with blowing of comparatively cold air of north-west winds contributed to the dust in the air. The statement said this is attributed to the change of seas and considered it to be normal. Vision was reduced to 500 metres at 10.00

am yesterday, the report added. Wind speed was 35-50 kms/hour in the morning.

The statement described the present weather as a very normal one due to the change of season and shifting from a hot to a cold season.

### Lashes for drunk Sobered

MANAMA, Oct. 10, (UPI): Authorities in the United Arab Emirates ordered an Asian worker flogged and jailed for three months after he turned up at a car dealer's showroom drunk and insulted a policeman, a newspaper reported today.

The Dubai-based Gulf News said a criminal court at Umm Al Qawain ordered the Asian, whose name or nationality were not disclosed, lashed 80 times.

### Lend an ear He wouldn't listen ... now he can't

MANAMA, Oct. 10, (UPI): A jealous Saudi wife bit off part of her husband's ear in anger after suspecting he was receiving telephone calls from a mistress, a Saudi newspaper reported today.

The Jeddah-based English language Arab News said the unnamed woman, "bit off a sizeable portion of his right earlobe ... to teach her handsome husband a lesson."

Adultery in Saudi Arabia is punishable under Islamic sharia law, with courts often handing down death sentences if a case is proven.

The daily said, "the wife simply wanted to know to whom the female voice belonged which had kept her husband on a daily diet of phone calls."

It said the husband was rushed to the hospital, where surgeons said the bitten part of the ear was substituted with a piece of cartilage taken from his ribs in a successful plastic surgery operation.

The newspaper said the "snappy" wife had lost her original teeth in a traffic accident several months ago, and that her husband had insisted that artificial teeth be set in place of the real ones.

"Next time, the husband will no doubt lend an ear to his wife's expressed feelings," the newspaper commented.

### \*Typhoon Dan hits Luzon

MANILA, Oct. 10, (AP): Tropical storm Dan slammed across the southeastern tip of the main Luzon island today with wind gusts of 100 kilometres (63 miles) per hour as officials reported at least 62 people were killed by another typhoon last week.

The Coast Guard ordered a halt to all domestic sea traffic to ports in the central Visayan Sea, and Philippine Airlines cancelled 26 domestic flights as Dan approached southeastern Luzon, although it said international flights were not affected.

Dan picked up speed as it went ashore at 9 pm (2100 GMT) in Albay province, said storm plotter Nelson Roberto. Two hours later, Dan was over Albay's capital town of Legaspi.

Roberto said Dan, wind peak winds of 100 kilometres (63 miles) per hour, was moving west-northwest at 37 kilometres (23 miles) per hour towards the island of Marinduque. He said areas near the storm's centre would experience wind gusts of 60 to 100 kilometres (38 to 63 miles) per hour.

Meanwhile, the death toll from typhoon Angela, which battered the northern tip of Luzon last Friday, reached 62, with at least 47 people missing and 27 injured, the military's office of civil defence reported.

Angela struck the area with peak winds of 175 kilometres (108 miles) an hour and was reported today near the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi.

Suspected Muslim rebels ambushed a military jeep today in Mindanao island, killing a sergeant and wounding three other soldiers, the military said.

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### Reform agenda: Twenty East Germans hastily picked from thousands of demonstrators have seized a rare chance to propose an agenda for change in a meeting with the mayor of Dresden, one of the hotspots of the country's reform movement.

A nurse, apprentice, machine tool maker and 17 others outlined a nine-point agenda at the town hall early on Monday, only hours after taking part in late-night protests against East Germany's orthodox communist government.

The delegates reported to meetings of supporters on Monday night that there was little tangible progress in talks with Mayor Wolfgang Berghofer but it was better to start small and grow. A further round of talks was planned for next Monday. (Reuters)

### Bigger is better: America's premier condom-maker has decided bigger is better and is now marketing magnum size for larger men.

Carter-Wallace, maker of Trojans, America's biggest selling brand, said its research showed that contrary to popular wisdom "one size doesn't fit all." So it made magnum, which is 20 per cent bigger than the standard size. (Reuters)

### Hundreds turned away: The number of East Germans trying to reach the West via Bonn's embassy in Warsaw has risen to more than 500, a West German official said on Tuesday.

But Polish authorities said they had turned back hundreds more East Germans who crossed the border illegally.

### Labourer shot dead: A gunman firing from a passing car on Monday shot and killed a 28-year-old labourer at close range, police said. The outlawed Irish Republican Army later claimed responsibility. (AP)

### Holiday

KUWAIT, Oct. 10, (Kuna): Government offices will be closed down on Thursday Oct 12 for a public holiday marking Prophet Mohammed's (PBUH) birth anniversary.

### Rebel rockets kill 23

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 10, (Reuters): Rebels rocketed the Afghan capital Kabul today, killing 23 people, the official Kabul Radio said.

A number of people were also wounded by the five surface-to-surface missiles fired into residential areas, the broadcast monitored in Islamabad said.

It said the victims' limbs were scattered in the streets hit by the rockets.

The rockets were fired as people returning from work bought food in the capital's bazaars, the radio said.

A single rocket which hit a bus station killed all 23 victims and the death toll could rise, it said.

Tuesday's barrage was the most devastating in a series of rocket attacks on Kabul by Western-backed anti-government rebels in recent weeks. (See Page 7)

### Uniting the world through computer language

BANGKOK, Oct. 10, (AP): If K. S. Gopalakrishna had his way, "I love you" would become "1171 25310 1172 1" or "Kata Gecab Katam," in a language the Indian computer-linguist claims will help unite the world.

The 58-year-old inventor says that through Abasama, as he calls himself and his computer-based language, everyone from Albanians to African Khosa tribes will be able to understand one another easily.

The self-educated son of farmers, Gopalakrishna says he began work on his language in 1964 and had to support his efforts with income from his 10-acre (4-hectare) fruit farm. His own family was unenthusiastic about the project, he says.

In 1980, Gopalakrishna founded the Universal Digital Communication Research Institute, which is now supported by the Indian government and includes a number of prominent scientists and government officials on its board of directors.

In an interview, Gopalakrishna said he was still trying to propagate Abasama outside India, not for profit but to encourage communication through numbers and systematic use of computers.

"Computer technology is becoming like tribal cultures. We need a universal set of which everyone is a member. Then we can all communicate internationally," he said. "A common code is necessary."

The inventor said that in his language, words are allotted a numerical value. For example, pronouns like he, she or I are given the number 1000. The zeros are then changed according to the word's gender, number and case.

The greatest advantage of Abasama, he says, is that the numbers allotted to a meaning are fixed and those same numbers are given to the word of the same meaning in any other language.

These number sequences can be translated into any language that has developed a dictionary corresponding to the numbers allotted to meanings in the Abasama language.

### Formalities remain Sisulu to be freed

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 10, (Reuters): South Africa will release jailed nationalist leader Walter Sisulu, closest comrade of Nelson Mandela, and seven other political prisoners as soon as the government completes the necessary formalities, President F. W. De Klerk announced today.

The statement from De Klerk was read out on government-controlled television as the lead item on the evening news.

"We have just heard that eight security prisoners are to be released unconditionally," the State President F. W. De Klerk announced a few minutes ago," the television broadcast said.

### Refugees return: Homesickness has already caused more than 50 East German refugees to head back to their communist homeland just weeks after fleeing it for the West, an official said on Tuesday.

Since Hungary opened its western border to the East Germans on Sept 11, tens of thousands of refugees have reached West Germany, many crying tears of happiness on their arrival.

On Tuesday, Bavarian border police spokesman Wolfgang Schlie said 54 refugees who had arrived since the Hungarian border opening had returned to East Germany, and that he expected more to do the same.

"Homesickness is the key," Schlie said. "Many of them miss their friends. It's for personal reasons." (AP)

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### Ministry denies trial report

KUWAIT, Oct. 10, (Kuna): The Ministry of Interior today denied as fabricated and groundless a press report by the London-based Arabic language newspaper Al Shark Al Awwat that members of an outlawed pro-Iranian organisation would stand trial before a Kuwaiti state security tribunal next November.

In a statement to Kuna an authoritative source at the ministry described the daily's report, which was circulated by news agencies as unfounded.

# Israeli missiles target all Arabs

Lebanese debate suspended; lack of progress

BEIRUT, Oct. 10, (Agencies): Israel has deployed in its northern territory sophisticated batteries capable of firing missiles on any target in neighbouring Arab states, Turkey and Cyprus, a leading newspaper reported today.

The daily An-Nahar said the launchers, which can fire missiles with a range of up to 600 miles (1,000 kilometres), have been set up in a mountainous region, six miles (15 kilometres) south of the Lebanese border and nine miles (20 kilometres) east of the Mediterranean coast.

Coinciding with the suspension, a deputy close to Syria's allies in Lebanon demanded the country's Maronite Christian President lose his executive power.

Deputies said Speaker Hussein Al Hussein called off an evening meeting of a small working group after a morning session made no progress on constitutional reforms in favour of Lebanon's Muslim majority.

The working group of 17 deputies has been trying to redraft a "charter for national reconciliation" to accommodate Muslim and Christian objections to the original text prepared by Arab mediators as the blueprint for a stable and peaceful Lebanon.

"We were unable to go a single step forward today. The discussion was on words and clauses, especially on the powers of the President," a member of the group told Reuters.

The 62 members of Parliament, half of them Muslim and half Christian, have been meeting in the Saudi resort of Taif since September 30 to look at the charter.

They stopped holding plenary sessions last Thursday to give the Arab mediators, Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia, more time for contacts on the charter with Christian army commander Michel Aoun and with the international community.

In Beirut, Aoun today repeated a call for all states to support Lebanese sovereignty and work for the withdrawal of all foreign armies from Lebanese territory.

As the Taif talks faltered, leftist Muslim Deputy Zaher Al Khatib restated the maximum demands of the Muslim camp and rejected any amendment to the original charter.

"(We) insist on endorsing all the clauses in the charter as they stand in the Arab document ... and especially the clause on sovereignty," he said in the statement.

The sovereignty clause gives the Syrians up to two years to redeploy in eastern Lebanon from the time Parliament passes the constitutional reforms. Contrary to Christian wishes, it sets no deadline for complete withdrawal.

Khatib's aides said his statement followed contacts today between him and two powerful militia leaders allied to Damascus — Walid Jumblatt of the Druze Muslim Progressive Socialist Party and Nabih Berri of the Shiite Muslim Amal movement.

The US Ambassador to Syria, Edward Djerejian, said today that Washington was in contact with all the parties involved with the Lebanese crisis and was trying to ensure that peace talks being held by Lebanese deputies succeeded.

Syrian-backed Muslims pulled out of an Arab-led ceasefire committee in Lebanon today after a sniper's bullet killed a Muslim army officer on the line dividing Beirut's Christian and Muslim sectors.

It attributed the brief report to unnamed military sources in south Lebanon.

It said Israeli authorities have banned civilians and unauthorised military personnel from approaching the missile sites and provided no details on their type.

The Soviet news agency Tass reported on Sept 14 that Israel had launched a ballistic missile with a range of 800 miles (1,300 kilometres). It said the projectile crashed into the Mediterranean between Libya and Greece.

In Taif, the caretaker Speaker of Lebanon's Parliament today suspended a debate on political reforms because of lack of progress.

## Fake papers, Sikhs banned

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 10, (AP): Seven Sikh Indians using forged passports have been detected trying to reach Malaysia as the country prepares to welcome Commonwealth heads of state and government, the security director said today.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is one of four Commonwealth leaders considered "sensitive to threats," according to Mohamed Zaman Khan, Malaysia's director of internal security and public order. The Commonwealth comprises Britain and its former and present colonies.

Mohamed said Indian authorities detected the seven when they applied for visas several months ago.

Although police are tightening security for the summit opening Oct 18 in Kuala Lumpur, foreign tourists with valid travel documents can continue to visit without obstruction, he told a news conference.

He denied that his government refused applications of several Sikh Indian nationals seeking to visit Malaysia.

Mohamed, who recently visited Canada, India and Britain, said Canadian police have advised Malaysian police on security based on their experience organising the previous Commonwealth summit in Vancouver two years ago.

In New Delhi, a Malaysian high commission spokesman said tighter security for visa applications was in force world-wide for October and was not directed at any particular community.

Rajiv, along with British and Pakistani Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and Benazir Bhutto and Sri Lanka's President Ranasinghe Premadasa, have been declared high-risk targets by Malaysian security officials, internal security and public order department chief Zaman Khan said.

"White collar" crime and drug abuse are on top of the list for a special unit formed to promote co-operation among Commonwealth law enforcement agencies, according to the Commonwealth Secretary-General Sharadath Rhamphal.

Pakistan's national flag was flown for the first time in 17 years alongside other Commonwealth flags outside the Commonwealth Institute in London today.

The ceremony was performed by Pakistan's High Commissioner in London Shaharyar Khan, to mark Pakistan's return to the Commonwealth today.

### Noriega killed rebel officers

CARACAS, Oct. 10, (AP): President Carlos Andres Perez accused Panama's Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega today of having executed imprisoned rebel officers of the Panamanian defence forces.

Perez called on Latin American nations to mount a "strong collection action" against Noriega, who as defence forces chief is Panama's de facto leader.

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## Foes cry for Rajiv's head

New evidence of bribes

NEW DELHI, Oct. 10, (Agencies): Indian opposition parties today demanded the resignation of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in the wake of fresh allegations of government involvement in the kickbacks in the controversial Bofors gun deal.

The demand was made in a resolution adopted at a meeting of opposition leaders in the capital today.

The top opposition leader called yesterday for senior Indian and Swedish officials to be prosecuted after a newspaper said it has new evidence of bribes being paid in a multimillion-dollar arms deal with a Swedish company.

Former Defence Minister V.P. Singh, now leader of the opposition Janata Dal Party, said a report in the Madras daily the Hindu "confirmed and established a sinister conspiracy to defraud the nation."

The charges arise from a 1986 deal to buy artillery from AB Bofors of Sweden. Indian newspapers and politicians allege the Swedish firm paid \$50 million to senior Indian government officials for the \$1.4-billion contract.

Singh, who was finance minister when the deal was signed, said Rajiv, senior Indian bureaucrats and legislators and the Swedish government "actively colluded" and deliberately misled "the Parliament and the nation" after the news media first reported the charges, which the government denies.



Rajiv

Singh did not denounce any Swedish officials by name.

"I have always maintained Rajiv Gandhi has had a major hand in the cover-up," Singh told a news conference. "It is now abundantly clear that he cannot be trusted with the nation's security and the sooner he is divested of it, the better."

Rajiv repeatedly has said no Indians received money from Bofors. A parliamentary committee last year found there was no evidence that commissions or bribes were paid.

The Hindu newspaper said the Swedish National Audit Bureau found in 1987 that Bofors paid 188 million kroner (then \$31.4 million) the previous year to a Panama-based company whose major partner was the Indian agent of the Swedish arms manufacturer.

**DAY BY DAY**

THE Kuwait Municipality has asked landlords of old investment buildings, which are on rent, to renovate them.

Though the decision adds more burden on landlords of old buildings whose rents are low, this is not important.

What is vital is that the renovation decision is vital and really welcomed. Thus, we want that the municipality stipulate colours to be used in the renovation process to ensure a pleasing and beautiful outlook for the area.

For instance, if the colours selected are white or cream, we will certainly get rid of the ugly colours that reflect uncivilised tastes.

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# Sindhi separatist leader gives the slip

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 10, (Kuna): Sindhi separatist leader G.M. Syed has fled Sind province after he was served detention notice by police in his home town of Kashmir in Jacobabad district.

A post-midnight press statement issued by the Sindhi government in Karachi said he was reported to be heading either towards Punjab or Baluchistan province. It said he was last seen by eye-witnesses

to be heading towards Fort Munro (Punjab) in his Pajero jeep escorted by a group of armed men.

The detention notice was served on G.M. Syed, chief of the Jaisi Sindhi Movement, an organisation working for independent state of Sind under the name of "Sindh Desh," yesterday envisaging his detention with the desecration of national flag at the airport of upper Sindhi

city of Sukkur on Oct. 1.

According to the government statement after receiving the notice, Syed requested to be allowed to visit his village for a short while. When permitted to do so he managed to flee out of Sindhi province.

The deputy commissioner and police superintendent, Jacobabad district have been suspended for negligence.

Eight of Syed's associates are already under arrest on charges of sedition stemming from the Sukkur airport incident where they had pulled down the Pakistani flag and hoisted a 'Sindh Desh' flag.

Now Syed is launching a province-wide campaign in Sindhi in support of his demand for a Sindhi homeland to be carved out from the present Sind province of Pakistan.

## Nobel committee rejects claim

# It's all by me, says French

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 10, (AP): The awarding of the Nobel prize for medicine to US cancer researchers has brought a bitter complaint from a French scientist who contends he did the work.

J. Michael Bishop and Harold E. Varmus won the prize yesterday for helping to explain how malignant tumours begin. The 50-member Nobel assembly of the Karolinska Institute, Sweden's largest and oldest medical university, awarded the researchers the coveted prize "for their discovery of the cellular origin of retroviral oncogenes."

Dr Dominique Stehelin, a director of research for the national centre for scientific research at the Pasteur Institute in Lille, told the news agency Agence France-Presse that he should have shared in the prize.

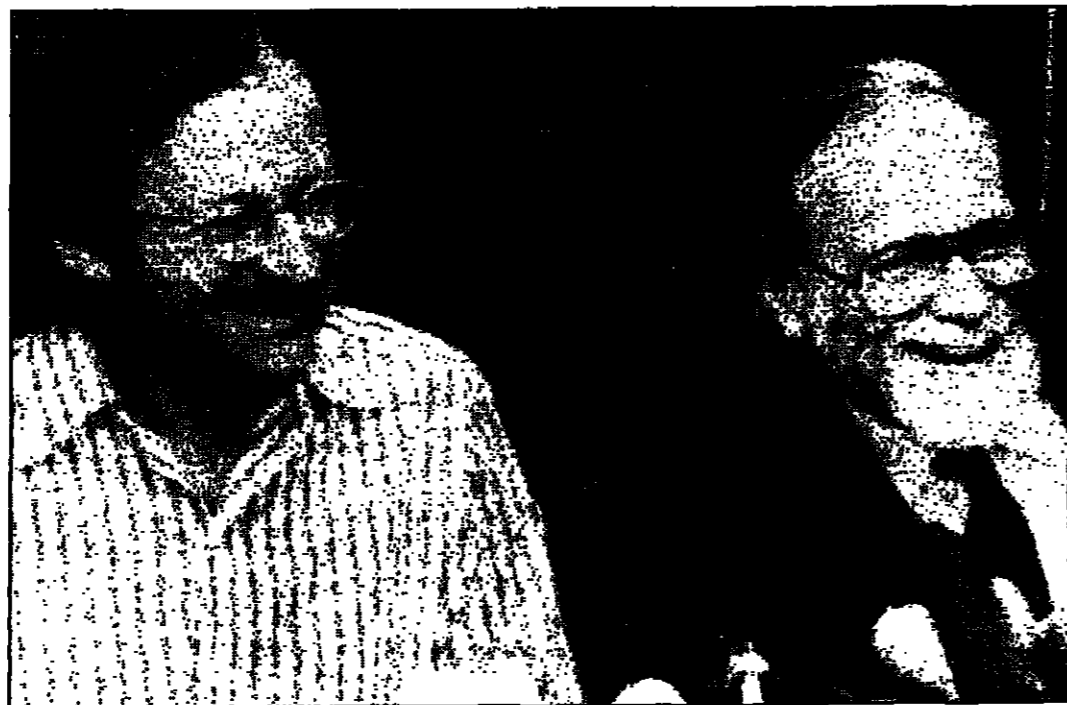
Karolinska Institute, later in the day rejected claim by Stehelin that he initiated the Nobel prize-winning work.

Stehelin said that he 'did the work all alone from A to Z' and said it was 'very unfair and lousy' that the Americans received the prestigious award.

Stehelin said he had been the main author of the 1976 paper, published in the British science journal Nature, but Erling Norrby of the Nobel committee rejected the claim.

"His name was included in the article, but he had been working with the development of the technique and didn't produce the idea for which we gave the award," Norrby said. "Peter Vogt of Germany was also in the article and he was, in the case, far more qualified for the prize than Stehelin."

Norrby said there was 'always



Nobel prize for medicine winners, Varmus (left) and Bishop talk with reporters in San Francisco on Oct. 9. (Reuters wirephoto)

someone who feels neglected' when Nobel winners are announced.

Bishop and Varmus gave credit to Stehelin during the news conference, held before the French scientist's claims were publicised.

The two Americans were among more than 250 scientists named by nominating organisations as candidates for the prize, which includes a cash award of \$460,000.

Bishop and Varmus called Stehelin's work "crucial" to their research, but referred questions

at a news conference about the prize to the Nobel committee.

Two US cancer researchers said they were pleased to win the Nobel but warned it may be years before their work on the causes of cancer will have practical benefits.

"This is just another step in what is a long journey," Bishop said when asked how quickly the two scientists' discovery could be translated into cancer treatments.

"It's difficult to predict when a full view of cancer cells will be in

hand."

Bishop, 53, and Varmus, 49, were toasted with champagne by colleagues at the university, then engaged in banter with each other and reporters.

In 1976, Bishop and Varmus "published the remarkable conclusion that the oncogene in the virus did not represent a true viral gene, but instead was a normal cellular gene," the Nobel citation said.

That is, cancer viruses cause cancer with the help of animal genes that have become incorporated into the viruses.

## Appeal to lift Rushdie threat

FRANKFURT, Oct. 10, (AP): The Frankfurt book fair opened today with an appeal to Iran's leaders to lift the late Ayatollah Khomeini's death sentence on Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses."

In Bonn, the West German Foreign Ministry said it is continuing to press Czechoslovak authorities to grant an exit visa to dissident playwright Vaclav Havel, who is due to receive a prize Sunday in Frankfurt.

But West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl indicated it was not likely the Czechoslovak government would grant him the visa.

"Today Vaclav Havel is unfortunately still being prevented from being with us. I hope that the awarding of the West German publishers' Friedenspreis (peace prize) is support and encouragement for him in his distress," Kohl said in an address officially opening the book fair this afternoon.

Kohl, however, expressed optimism that reforms occurring in some east bloc countries would ultimately take root in Havel's homeland as well.

"The time when he and others are persecuted, outlawed and oppressed for their convictions is coming to end," Kohl said.

Peter Weidhaas, director of the annual international fair, the biggest in the world, said strong security measures were in force after several exhibitors expressed concern Iran's threat against Rushdie could put them in danger.

Some of the exhibitors at the fair are from countries such as Britain and the United States, where the book has been published and drawn protests.

For example, luggage deposit boxes in the fair buildings are being kept locked, he said.

No threats against the fair have been received to date, he said.

Weidhaas, speaking for "the world community of publishers gathered here in Frankfurt," appealed to Iran's current leadership to "revoke the death call against Salman Rushdie, his publishers and booksellers."

Neither German nor foreign publishers are displaying the book, published last year. Some exhibitors feel "simply uneasy if such a book is around," Weidhaas told reporters.

Iran is banned from the fair as long as the threat stands, he said.

Havel, a leading human rights activist who is banned from publishing in Czechoslovakia, has been awarded the annual peace prize by West German publishers.

A presentation ceremony, including Kohl, is scheduled on Sunday in Frankfurt's historic St Paul's church, but West German officials said Havel so far has not been allowed to travel to the West.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has urged his Czechoslovak counterpart several times to let Havel personally receive his prize, ministry officials said.

If Havel cannot come, West German actor and Director Maximilian Schell is due to accept the prize for him.

Nearly 8,200 exhibitors are taking part in this year's Frankfurt book fair, 2.8 per cent more than in 1988, organisers said.

French literature and culture are the 41st annual fair's focus. Related events are planned in 23 other West German cities.

Looking to the future, Guenther Christensen, a top official in West Germany's book trade association, called for a unified book pricing system within the European Community once the trade bloc removes all internal trade barriers by the end of 1992.

# Violence claims 19 more lives

Lanka opposition lauds ICRC monitoring

COLOMBO, Oct. 10, (Agencies): Sinhalese rebels hiding in ambush killed at least three soldiers and wounded three others in a hail of shotgun and automatic weapons fire as violence around strife-torn Sri Lanka left at least 16 other people dead, officials said today.

In another development, the largest Tamil guerrilla group disclosed that 659 of its fighters had been during two years of combat against Indian troops deployed in Sri Lanka's northeast.

Officials at the joint operations command, which oversees security operations across the island, said 19 people died during the 24-hour period ending at 8 am today in violence linked to the insurgent Sinhalese radical group, the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP).

The officials said that between 10 and 15 JVP fighters staged an ambush in Bulaasinghala when an army patrol late yesterday passed through the village some 25 miles (40 km) south of Colombo.

The assailants unleashed volleys of fire from shotguns and automatic weapons at the solitary military vehicle, killing three troopers and wounding three others, the officials said.

The soldiers did not have a chance to return the fire and the guerrillas took two weapons and some communications equipment from the vehicle before escaping, the officials said.

The JVP killed 13 other people in scattered attacks against government supporters, they said, adding the three remaining victims were JVP activists slain by security forces.

One of the activists was a soldier named Pvt. K.A.A.J. Perera, who was arrested as a JVP suspect. He was shot dead last night trying to escape from custody, the officials said.

Overnight security sweeps in central Sri Lanka netted 206 JVP suspects, and the JVP also staged numerous attacks against post offices, buses and government buildings as part of its tactics of disrupting the economy and the civil administration, they said.

Meanwhile, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) stated in a press release issued by its London office that 659 of its guerrillas had died since Oct. 10, 1987, when it began fighting Indian troops posted in North-East province.

The statement issued today was a rare admission by the LTTE, which has largely refrained from giving its own casualty figures.

Opposition politicians today praised the government's decision to allow the International Committee of the Red Cross to monitor human rights practices but suggested economic motives could have been behind the move.

Premadasa's office announced yesterday that the Red Cross has been asked to help trace missing persons, visit detention centres and provide relief to those affected by the war between Sinhalese radicals and the government.

It did not say when the team would arrive in Sri Lanka, but state-owned radio reported today it would be "very soon."

The invitation follows allegations by opposition politicians and human rights groups that pro-government death squads are killing sympathizers of the People's Liberation Front.

The government denies the charge and blames the Sinhalese radicals for most of the 5,000 deaths reported since the anti-government campaign began in 1987.

A spokesman of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, the largest opposition group, said the decision to invite the Red Cross body should be welcomed.

However, "if it is meant to influence western countries who will meet in Paris next Tuesday to decide our request for \$750 million in aid, the invitation is meaningless," said spokesman Kamal Karunanyake.

## Dhaka boat sinks

20 drown

DHAKA, Oct. 10, (Reuters): At least 20 people were feared dead after a boat capsized in a river north of Dhaka, Bangladesh police said today.

They said the boat was carrying nearly 40 people when it capsized in the river late yesterday. Half swam ashore but the rest were missing.

all of that plutonium were vapourised.

The April 1986 explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear plant in the Soviet Union dispersed nuclear particles into the atmosphere over much of Asia and Europe.

Gallio's fuel pack — which is called a radioisotope thermoelectric generator or RTG — contains 48 pounds of plutonium-238. Heat from the decaying plutonium is converted into electricity.

Several activist groups sued President George Bush, the head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) and the secretary of energy of Sept 28 to try to stop the launch of Gallio

## India blame d

Creation of illegal force

COLOMBO, Oct. 10, (Kuna): The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), Sri Lanka's most formidable Tamil militant group, has charged that India was creating an illegal para-military organisation in the North and East to prop up the Delhi-backed Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF), which controls the province's council.

The Tigers, in a statement issued in London to mark the second anniversary of the battle with the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) in Sri Lanka's North and East, accused both the Indian army and the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), an Indian intelligence unit, of being involved in the massive build-up of an illegal and mercenary army, conscripting forces thousands of innocent school boys.

It said the creation of the Tamil national army undermined the peace efforts of the Sri Lankan President Ramasinghe Perumal to restore peace and normalcy in the region.

The LTTE also accused India and the IPKF of creating conditions for a civil war in the guise of providing security and stability to the Tamil.

It wanted the government of Sri Lanka to persuade New Delhi to stop militarisation and disband the illegal para-military force.

The LTTE said throughout the North and East, the Tigers had appealed to the boys to surrender and they had done so.

The statement claimed that in the two-year war, the IPKF lost 2000 soldiers while 3500 were wounded.

## Armani brings back the hippies

## Burst of colour

MILAN, Italy, Oct. 10, (AP): Spring 1990 will look like the summer of love of 1967, at least in the fashion world.

Giorgio Armani, who opened the Italian spring-summer ready-to-wear shows Sunday with his Emporio line, is calling on the young to recall the hippie dress code of their parents — gypsy skirts and blouses, vests, tattered jeans, oversized shirts and jackets, clumpy sandals.

For, dearth, boys and girls, Armani drew inspiration from the South Pacific with fishnet and burlap his-and-her sarongs and diaper shorts.

Italian beaches have long bade farewell to the bikini of the 1960s, giving away to whole suits for women and surf shorts for men. Armani takes the look a step further by delving into grand-ma's trunk for striped tank suits.

A gap went up from some of those attending the early morning show in the theatre of Armani's downtown Palazzo at the parade of bare-breasted woman surrounded by bare-chested men, all wearing Armani's jeans.

The blazer king likes his jackets long and light, with a curved front like a tulip petal, reminiscent of designs several seasons ago by Italy's Romeo Gigli.

There was a touch of Gigli too in the faded pastel shades of the collection and the rounded uneven hemlines of skirts and dresses. For summer, Armani hikes his hemlines way above his demure winter length.

Lightweight pantsuits with ample jackets and baggy trousers and a series of cool cotton jumpsuits are sure to attract summer city dwellers.

Another fashion favourite of

the younger set, Franco Moschino, also showed Sunday morning.

What attracts the young in Moschino is his irony toward fashion and the fashion world at large. During his shows he likes to hide his own beautiful clothes under exaggerations of other designers' embellishments.

Thus, he once based an entire show on headgear from stovepipes to teddy bears, mocking Christian Lacroix. At every show he makes a point of lading his evening wear with heavy gold chains, a Chanel trademark.

Moschino also likes to poke fun at people who live by labels, often sewing his own label on the outside of an outfit. Last season he designed a jacket with the words "Very expensive jacket" stitched on the back in gold letters.

For spring-summer 1990, Moschino also flirts with the new hippie trend in a series of multicoloured gypsy skirts, jeans outfits and Mexican-style long vests, but the bulk of his collection was based on an evening look of basic black and gold.

His most astonishing outfit was a three-piece suit — jacket, brassiere and short skirt — in gummy gold fabric, with lavish gold jewelry and gold chain belt.

His most ironic style was a floor-length black chiffon gown with the letters VIP in gold down the front, with the V incorporated in the neckline.

Over the next five days, 40 of Italy's top ready-to-wear designers, including Armani, Versace, Krizia, Biagiotti, Missoni, Fendi and Ferre will present their styles for next year's warmer weather.

## Officials start meeting to curb urban crime

MONTREAL, Oct. 10, (Reuters): Some 600 officials from Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia began a week-long conference today on ways to cut growing urban crime.

"Crime and crime fear are a serious problem, particularly in urban areas," said Irvin Waller, a University of Ottawa criminologist who is an adviser to the conference.

"They have grown in the last 25 years, despite large increases in police, courts and corrections, and despite large increases in general social and educational programmes."

Waller said studies in France, England and the Netherlands show city dwellers are substantially more at risk than people in the country.

Politicians, police officers and

community workers from more than 20 countries attend the conference, which will examine ways in which local governments can fight crime.

Delegates include the mayors of New York, Philadelphia, Toronto, Barcelona, Lisbon and Strasbourg, France, and representatives of cities such as Taipei, Moscow, Leningrad and Dakar, Senegal.

Waller said researchers in several European countries have concluded that more police, courts and prisons will not contain crime because the causes lie elsewhere.

For example, he said, children in the growing number of poor families headed by single mothers often drop out of school and drift into delinquency.

## US shuttle launch dangerous, claim anti-nuke activists

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10, (Reuters): Opponents of the US space agency's plan to launch 48 pounds (22 kg) of plutonium in the power pack of the Galileo space probe said today it could cause a nuclear accident worse than Chernobyl.

"The \$1.4-billion Galileo is scheduled to be launched on Thursday on the space shuttle Atlantis, but opponents want to court in an attempt to stop it."

"If you had an explosion of the shuttle and dispersal of that plutonium in the atmosphere, you would have an accident worse than Chernobyl," said Lanny Sinkin, an anti-nuclear activist interviewed on US television.

"You could have up to 900,000 cancer deaths if

on grounds the radioactive material powering its computers and sensors poses danger to the earth.

The suit contends the government is in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act because it has failed to give an accurate assessment."

Nasa today reported an engine problem that could ground Atlantis beyond Thursday's launch date even if anti-nuclear activists lose their court challenge to stop the flight.

US district judge Oliver Girsch began hearing arguments today in Washington from attorneys representing the Nasa and three citizens groups seeking to halt liftoff because Atlantis will be carrying a plutonium-powered space probe.

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# Close encounter of the Soviet kind

MOSCOW, Oct. 10. (Agencies): The strange tale of the three-eyed creature in a silver suit who stepped out of a flying ball hit the headlines again in the Soviet Union today but drew a caustic reaction from Yugoslavia.

Following up yesterday's initial report by the official Tass news agency, the newspaper Sovetskaya Kultura told how the alien, three metres (10 feet) tall, strolled around the park in the central city of Voronezh after stepping from a spaceship.

The creature pointed a huge pistol at a 16-year-old boy, who immediately van-

ished, the newspaper said. He reappeared once the spaceship had left, readers were assured.

The spaceship, Tass said yesterday, resembled "a large shining ball or disc."

In Belgrade, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said at least four unidentified flying objects (UFOs) had been unofficially reported from the Soviet Union in recent days.

"If the Soviet press and Tass news agency are to be trusted, aliens have carried out a real invasion in the Soviet Union over the past few days," Tanjug

remarked sceptically.

"In view of a mass invasion, it is very strange that there has been no reaction, or at least a statement, from the Soviet Defence Ministry," it said.

Sovetskaya Kultura based its report on eyewitness accounts, including those of three children who claimed to have seen aliens of Voronezh on Sept. 27, Tanjug said.

The creature from space, the Soviet newspaper said, was "about three metres high and had three eyes, and was wearing a silvery flying suit and bronze-coloured

boots, as well as some sort of disc on its chest.

"One of the boys started screaming with terror. The alien looked at him and the boy fell silent — he could not move a step. The alien's eyes were shining," with a robot in tow, the alien then took a short walk around the park.

"From the alien's side hung a 'pistol,' a thin tube about half a metre (1.5 feet) long. He pointed this at a 16 year old boy who simply disappeared," said the paper. But he reappeared once the alien got back into the spaceship and took off.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

WASHINGTON: A cyst removed from US President George Bush's right middle finger was non-cancerous, as had been expected, a spokesman said Monday.

The cyst, which had bothered Bush for several years, was removed during surgery Friday at Walter Reed Army Medical Centre and was tested to make sure it was not cancerous.

"The pathology report is that it is benign," said a press aide, Laura McKillop.

She said Bush was informed of the results Monday. He was winding up a three-day weekend at Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains.

Bush had described the surgery, done under a local anaesthetic, as minor but said doctors had to cut deeply into the finger, near the bone, to remove the growth. (AP)

HOLLYWOOD: About 100 people sang "Give peace a chance" at John Lennon's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Monday night in memory of the former Beatle on what would have been his 49th birthday.

Sponsored by the Alliance for Survival, the celebration featured a birthday cake sliced by Michelle Phillips of the 1960s rock group the Mamas and the Papas, and a video showing of the Lennon documentary, Imagine, released last year.

Lennon's star lies in front of Capitol Records on Vine Street north of Hollywood Boulevard. (UPI)

PARIS: French customs agents seized 200 kg (440 pounds) of contraband Russian caviar on the Orient Express during a stop in Strasbourg, a customs spokesman said on Monday.

The caviar, sealed in 101 tins and valued at about one million francs (\$155,000), was found during a routine customs check after the train, travelling from Bucharest to Paris, crossed the border from West Germany into France.

It was hidden in the luggage of two Guinean passengers who admitted buying it in East Berlin to smuggle West in the hope of making a big profit. (Reuters)

KANSAS CITY, Missouri: Actor Paul Newman failed to show up for screening of the movie Fat Man and Little Boy to work on his latest project.

Paramount brought dozens of television reporters to Kansas City for Saturday's screening, a rare event for the city arranged especially to make it easier for Newman to meet the press.

Newman is in town filming Mr and Mrs Bridge.

However, the reporters had to make do with Newman's "Fat Man" co-stars, John Cassak and Dwight Schultz, as well as producer Tony Garnett. The film is about the making of the atomic bomb and takes its title from the nicknames of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. (AP)

MONROE, Michigan: Most Michigan residents enjoy the colours of the autumn leaves, but people in Monroe are not happy with the aromas when the Ginkgo tree turns rank.

The Ginkgo dates back 200 million years to the era of dinosaurs. And residents say, every fall it smells like it.

"It smells just like a baby's dirty pants. Really," said Marie McNair, a member of the Friends of Dorsetch Library. "I smelled it for years."

Since 1865, a Ginkgo has been standing in front of the Dorsetch Library in this town southwest of Detroit.

The female tree, which originates from eastern China, bears an edible fruit whose hull emits a strong odor into the fall air.

Monroe's annual Ginkgo Mania Festival which began last week, includes a contest to determine what day the Dorsetch tree's leaves will drop its leaves. Ginkgoes shed their leaves in a matter of hours. (AP)

## Dispute Son kills father

MIAMI, Oct. 10. (AP): A teenager was in custody yesterday for allegedly shooting his father to death during a dispute over mowing the lawn.

Police said Hines had told his son to mow the lawn about noon, then took a nap.

When the father awoke just before 4 p.m., he found the lawn uncut and confronted his son with a stick, said Sgt. Mike Diaz of the Metro-Dade police homicide squad.

The father hit the son with the stick, and the boy allegedly produced a handgun and fired. James Hines, 47, died within minutes of the Sunday shooting.

DHAKA, Bangladesh: Rickshaw drivers struck for eight hours Sunday to protest traffic rules, and police patrolled the city to prevent violence.

Most motorists stayed off the streets fearing unrest, but none was reported.

Government offices remained open, staffed by employees who were able to walk to work. Privately owned banks and businesses shut down.

The bicycle-powered rickshaws are the most common form of transportation in Dhaka, a city of 6 million people. The drivers were protesting efforts to outlaw unlicensed rickshaws. Only about one-third of the capital's 100,000 rickshaws are licensed.

WELLESLEY, Massachusetts: Vandalism left a trail of spray-painted swastikas and racial slurs Sunday on a new downtown building, mailboxes, garages, homes and cars spread over a large area of Wellesley.

"We've had probably 40 to 50 separate complaints come in on this already," police officer Joseph Collari said after dawn revealed the damage done overnight.

The spray-painted messages included racist, white supremacist, anti-semitic and anti-police slogans as well as swastikas, said Wellesley police dispatcher Michael Gerard.

The vandalism occurred on the eve of Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement.

The graffiti was spread over a stretch of two to three miles (kilometres) that included residential neighbourhoods, Collari said. (AP)

OLD SAYBROOK, Connecticut: Once upon a time, children wrote to Santa Claus to make their dreams come true. Now, they write to Donald Trump.

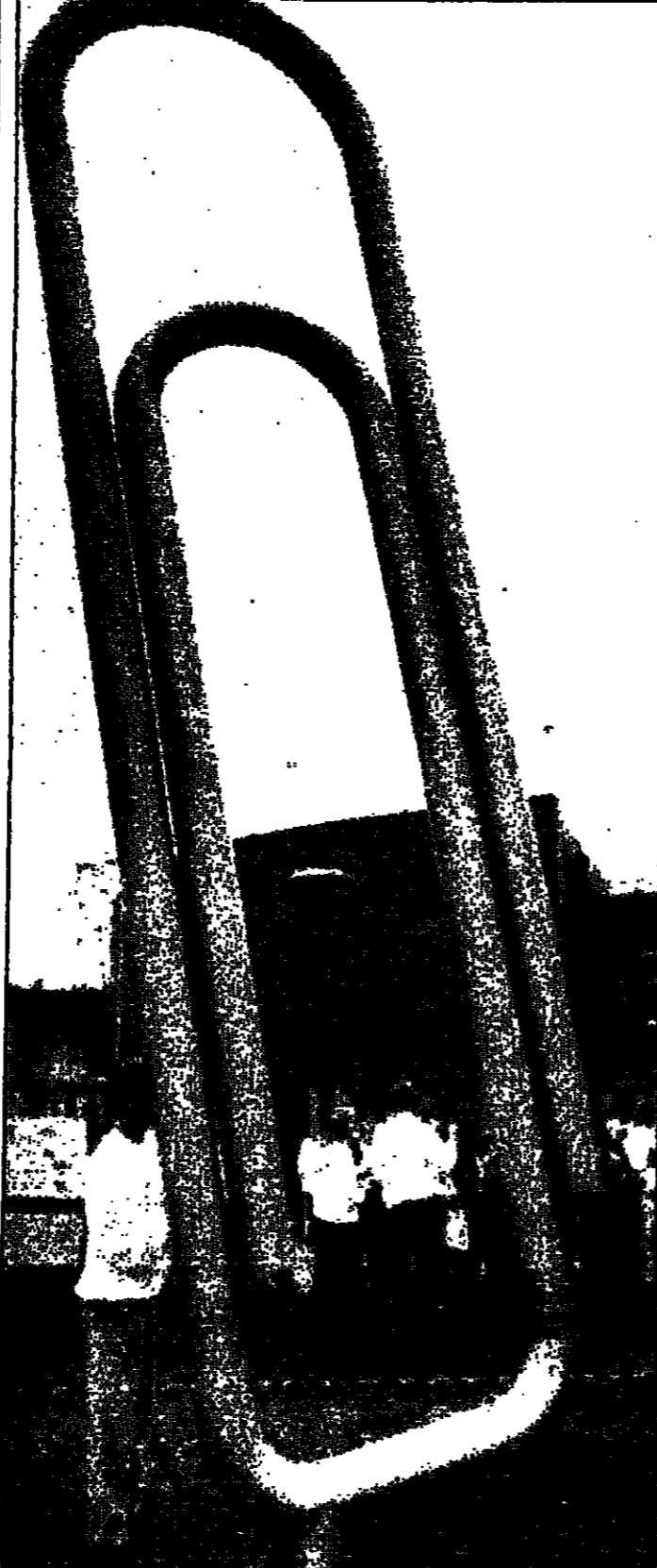
Third-graders at Kathleen E. Goodwin Elementary School sent letters to the billionaire developer Friday asking him to buy an antique carousel to save it from being broken up and auctioned off.

"Dear Mr Trumps," reads one of the letters, written by Melissa Placencia. "Please buy the carousel. We need it bad ... all the kids like it."

Jude Harrison was hard-nosed, trying to appeal to Trump's legendary business sense — and ego.

"It is worth more if you buy it. Jude wrote. 'Children adore it. If they destroy it, they will break all 5,000 kids hearts plus my whole school.'"

Since 1927, the wooden merry-go-round has been the main attraction at Lake Quassapaug Amusement Park, in nearby Middlebury. The family-owned park has been hit by rising insurance premiums that the owners say make the carousel, built in 1899, an economic burden they no longer can afford. (AP)



World's largest paperclip

The world's largest paperclip was unveiled at the Oslo Business School on Oct. 9, to commemorate the invention of the paperclip 90 years ago by a Norwegian Johan Vaaler. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Strait, Mattea win awards

23rd annual CMA show

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Oct. 10 (AP): George Strait was voted Entertainer of the Year and Ricky Van Shelton and Kathy Mattea won top vocal honours at the 23rd annual Country Music Association awards show.

Strait won the top honour last night at the Grand Ole Opry House, breaking a two-year hold on the award by Hank Williams Jr.

"I'm so excited. I've wanted this for so long," Strait said. "I truly believe audiences go away entertained."

Strait is known for hits such as "All My Ex's Live in Texas" and "Does Fort Worth Ever Cross Your Mind." His selection as Entertainer of the Year left country star Randy Travis without an award for the third year Travis was nominated.

Shelton was chosen top male vocalist for his recent hit records "From A Jack To A King" and "Hole In My Pocket."

Mattea, a former tour guide at the country music Hall of Fame, won top female vocalist on the heels of her No. 1 record, "Come From The Heart."

Williams, son of a country

## Kluge: richest man in America

NEW YORK, Oct. 10. (AP): Metromedia Co. chairman John Werner Kluge is worth an estimated \$5.2 billion, but he had to back into first place on Forbes Magazine's annual list of the 400 richest Americans.

Kluge displaced Sam Walton, head of the Wal-Mart discount stores chain, who divided his \$9 billion fortune among himself and his four children and ended a four-year reign at the top of the list.

Among other notables on the list, developer Donald Trump topped his already considerable fortune and financiers Michael Milken and Carl Icahn joined the billionaires club.

Overall, the financial magazine's list of richest Americans are worth an estimated total of about \$269 billion, up nearly \$50 billion from the previous year, a 22 per cent increase that substantially outpaced last year's 4.4 per cent inflation rate.

The list, released yesterday appears in the Oct 23 edition of Forbes and is based on estimated holdings as of Sept. 8.

For the richest, the last year has been a very good one, and many of the wealthy rebounded nicely from the October 1987 stock market crash.

The number of billionaires increased from 51 to 66. The minimum net worth to make the list rose from \$225 million to \$275 million.

At the pinnacle was Kluge, 75, of Charlottesville, Virginia, whose holdings rose an estimated \$2 billion from last year thanks to a tripling in the value of his holdings in cellular telephones, Forbes said.

For Walton, charity began at home. The 71-year-old from Bentonville, Arkansas, who milked cows during the depression of the 1930s to support his family, split his assets equally with his four children. While the family's total holdings increased to \$9 billion from \$6.7 billion, the individual family members tied for 20th on the list.

Moving up to second from 12th place was investor Warren Buffett, 59, of Omaha, Nebraska, whose stock market-based fortune nearly doubled, to \$4.2 billion. Behind him was Summer Murray Redstone, head of National Amusements Inc. and entertainment giant Viacom, with \$2.88 billion.

The United States has more billionaires than any other nation, but the world's richest people live abroad.

Kluge's fortune makes him the ninth-wealthiest private individual in the world, according to Forbes. He is topped by six Japanese, a South Korean and Canadian publisher Kenneth Roy Thompson. Japan's Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, who made his money in land, railroads and resorts, is worth about \$15 billion, Forbes said.

The Sultan of Brunei, widely regarded as the world's richest person, was not listed because the Forbes list includes only private fortunes.

Eighteen new billionaires joined the Forbes American list, including Laurence and Robert Tisch of Loews Corp. at \$1.36 billion apiece, entertainment mogul Kirk Kerkorian at \$1.29 billion, indicted junk bond financier Milken at \$1.27 billion and TWA boss Cahn at \$1.2 billion.

Trump also was among the individual standouts, adding \$700 million to his empire of hotels, casinos and an airline for a \$1.7 billion total.

For the second straight year, the youngest self-made billionaire was 33-year-old William Henry Gates II at \$1.25 billion. Gates dropped out of Harvard University to found Microsoft in 1972.



World Pumpkin Weigh-Off 1989

Gordon Thompson of Heningsford, Quebec, holds his two winning trophies from the 1989 World Pumpkin Weigh-Off on Oct. 9. Thompson won the competition with a 755 lbs (342.5 kilograms) pumpkin beating the previous record of 541 lbs (Reuters wirephoto)

## Prostitute killings: horror in Oakland

Sparks fear of serial killer

OAKLAND, California, Oct. 10. (AP): The slayings of six women in a little more than two months have spread fear on the streets, but police are playing down speculation that a serial killer is stalking Oakland's prostitutes.

"We're all a little scared," said Renee Jackson, who said she had worked Oakland's streets for 11 years. However, she said the prostitutes were not scared enough or they wouldn't be working in the area.

Police Capt. Jim Hahn said it was too early to talk about a serial killer, pointing out that about 10 prostitutes are killed in Oakland each year.

Still, he admits that six deaths in such a short time is unusual, and the possibility of a single killer isn't being ruled out.

Six young women with police records for prostitution and drugs have been killed, although there has been no clear pattern to the deaths.

One victim was hanged, two were beaten and three were shot. Three were black, three white. Some of the bodies were naked, some clothed.

The naked body of the latest victim, 23-year-old Sharon Frazier, was found hanging from a walnut tree in a neighbourhood park on Thursday.

Police are investigating the Sept 20 death of a woman in Brisbane, near San Francisco's Candlestick Park, to determine if it is connected to the Oakland slayings, said Berry Lewis, a Brisbane homicide investigator. The victim was a suspected prostitute, he said.

One prostitute said she had warned two of the victims about a man who attacked her on Aug. 31. One of the women died on Sept. 20, and the other died five days later, about two blocks apart.

## Killer commits suicide

HALLANDALE, Florida, Oct. 10. (AP): An 80-year-old man charged with murdering his ailing wife killed himself a few days before he was to face a competency hearing, officials said.

Joseph Motchan drank a mixture of sleeping pills, alcohol and bleach, police said, and left behind a one-sentence note that said: "I cannot live without her."

A friend found his body Sunday morning.

Motchan, of the Miami suburb of Hallandale, had survived another suicide attempt last month. He was to face a mental competency hearing today before being tried on second-degree murder charges in the July 8 slaying of his 79-year-old wife, Gertrude.

"He couldn't bring her back, so he decided to join her," said the friend, Dr. Reuben Kallman.

Motchan had claimed he did not remember stabbing his wife of 55 years in the heart and beating her in the head with a hammer, as police said he had done.

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## Jamie recovering after spleen surgery

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota, Oct. 10. (AP): Seven-year-old Jamie Fiske, who as an infant received a liver transplant after her father's impassioned appeal for a donor, underwent surgery yesterday to remove her spleen.

"She's in the recovery room now doing very well," Dr. John Najarian said after the three-hour operation at University of Minnesota hospital. The girl was listed in critical but stable condition after the operation.

Najarian said the spleen was seven or eight times normal size for a child Jamie's age. He also said her liver "is perfectly normal."

It was the first surgery for Jamie since her 1982 liver transplant, which also took place at University of Minnesota hospital, said Jamie's father, Charles Fiske of Bridgewater, Massachusetts. At the time, she was one of the youngest liver transplant recipients.

Jamie was born on Nov. 26, 1981, with biliary atresia, a condition in which the liver's bile ducts are blocked. Months later, the fates learned that only a liver transplant could save her life.

She underwent a liver transplant after her father, then a hospital administrator, made an emotional appeal for a donor during a convention at the American academy of pediatricians.

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A valiant son

The mother of Maj. Girolodi, leans on her son's casket during funeral services on Oct 9. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Namibia police hamper UN work

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 10, (AP): Namibia's police are not fully co-operating with UN officials, withholding security information and denying them the right to visit detainees, the UN chief said yesterday.

In a report to the Security Council, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar also said the South African-trained South-West African police force (Swapo) is dragging its feet on investigating cases.

"In many cases they have proceeded very slowly and there is a risk that some of them, including some serious cases of homicide, will not be completed within the transition period, with the result that important and crucial evidence may thus be lost," said the UN chief.

Meanwhile, the foreign ministers of Burundi, Uganda and Mali added their voices to the chorus of disapproval for South Africa, as the General Assembly's debate on world affairs began its third week.

Burundi Foreign Minister Cyprien Ndirakobuca said the free elections scheduled for November in Namibia gave hope that the General Assembly could welcome the territory as a new independent country next year.

Ugandan Foreign Minister Paul Kawunga Ssemogerere said elements of the Namibian police "and other South African agents" are a threat to the Namibian nationalist party, the South-West Africa People's Organisation (Swapo).

Anton Lubowski, Swapo's legal advisor was assassinated in September. An Irishman who entered the territory from South Africa has been detained in connection with the killing.

Mali's Foreign Minister, N'Golo Traore, blamed Lubowski's killing on "sordid plots" by South African racists, and claimed Pretoria is trying to prevent Swapo from winning two-thirds of the seats in the constituent assembly election.

## SA told to bare plans

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 10, (AP): A statement from three leading anti-apartheid clergymen said yesterday that President F.W. de Klerk must spell out concrete plans this week for the swift abolition of apartheid or face intensified international pressure.

The clergymen — Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Rev. Allan Boesak and the Rev. Frank Chikane — are scheduled to confer with De Klerk in Pretoria tomorrow. It will be De Klerk's first meeting with prominent anti-apartheid leaders since he took office.

The clergymen said the meeting "will determine our attitude to the state president's intentions and our views on the attitude the international community should adopt in dealing with his government."

The statement noted that Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, would attend the summit of Commonwealth leaders.

## Noriega foes flown to US

Abortive coup leader buried

WASHINGTON, Oct 10, (UPI): Several dozen Panamanian dissidents, including relatives of troops involved in the failed attempt to oust Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, have been given refuge in Florida, administration officials said today.

Officials said several dozen Panamanians, many of them foes or targets of the Noriega regime, have been flown to the United States in the last several months.

The Washington Post, quoting unidentified administration officials and members of the Panamanian dissident community, placed the number of refugees at about 40 and said the latest airlift was conducted over the weekend.

The Post said the refugees included Capt. Javier Licona, said to be the highest-ranking coup participant to escape Noriega's troops last week, and Capt. Francisco Alvarez, who was jailed for a 1988 plot against Noriega.

Also included among the dissidents airlifted to the United States was the wife of slain coup leader Maj. Moses Girolodi, her family and 14 Panamanian military officers and enlisted personnel, dissident sources told the Post.

The newspaper said Adela Bonilla Girolodi arrived with her two sons, her father and several other family members. Her husband was buried yesterday in Panama in a brief funeral ceremony attended by about 100 people.

Family members disputed government reports that Girolodi was killed during the coup attempt, maintaining his body showed signs of torture. A woman who said she was Girolodi's niece told the Post she observed several bullet wounds and broken bones when she was preparing the body for burial.

Mrs. Girolodi and the children, who had been under US Army protection at Fort Clayton since the Oct 3 coup, did not attend the

funeral mass.

Several reports have said Noriega himself shot Girolodi to death just after loyalist forces regained control of the military headquarters.

Relatives of Girolodi at the funeral said he was shot once in the neck and twice in the chest. His mother, Eloisa, flung herself on the coffin, crying, "they murdered him."

Capt. Leon Tejada, another rebel, was shot in the head, his mother, Esther, said.

"My son had just come back from (UN duty in) Namibia last Saturday. On Tuesday he told his wife he had to go to headquarters and would return later to go see his baby girl," Mrs. Tejada said.

"We did not hear anything until Wednesday when they said on television that he was dead."

Meanwhile Noriega's hand-picked cabinet is preparing emergency laws to crack down on dissenters and the general began reorganising military units involved in last week's failed coup against him, a Panamanian defence force spokesman said.

Spokesman Maj. Edgardo Lopez Grimaldo said yesterday Noriega met with his general staff to reorder military units that opposed him or hesitated in their loyalty during the coup attempt.

The civilian cabinet of Provisional President Francisco Rodriguez met to approve the emergency laws — a military code, reforms to the penal code, labour laws to make it easier to fire disloyal public employees and economic laws to encourage investment.

Lopez Grimaldo said US helicopters tried to intercept Noriega forces flying to Panama City from Rio Hato during the coup attempt.

"They tried to dissuade the Macho de Monte (the company that now guards defence force headquarters) but there was no decision to say 'you cannot pass'," he said.

## 'The Last Supper' decision Pinochet sacks 12

SANTIAGO, Oct 10, (UPI): President Augusto Pinochet, nearing the end of 16 years of military government, retired 12 generals from the army, officials said yesterday.

The retirements included the vice-commander, Gen. Jorge Zincke, who had assumed the post only 11 months ago. Zincke had been praised by the opposition for his actions as commander of the Santiago area last year during a vote over Pinochet's continued rule.

The number of generals in the army was reduced by five since fewer top officials will be needed when the military turns over power to a civilian government next year, officials said.

Pinochet informed the generals of the new lines of command during a luncheon at the presidential palace. The annual lunch, in which the retirements and new assignments are announced, is known as "The Last Supper" because it puts an end to many military careers.



Mitterrand (left) stands with Perez during arrival ceremony at Caracas Airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

CARACAS, Oct 10, (AP): Industrialised nations must make greater efforts to bridge a widening gap separating them from the Third World, President Francois Mitterrand of France said yesterday, when he arrived in Venezuela.

President Carlos Andres Perez and his wife, Blanca, met Mitterrand, who was accompanied by his wife, Danielle, for the 48-hour state visit.

He is the first French head of state to visit Venezuela since Gen. Charles de Gaulle was here 25 years ago. After a 21-gun salute and reviewing an honour guard, Mitterrand and Perez went to a VIP lounge to continue the welcoming ceremony.

# Latam to develop common drug strategies

ICA, Peru, Oct 10, (AP): Protected by army troops and 3,000 policemen in a remote village, the presidents of Peru, Colombia and Bolivia met today to discuss developing a common cocaine strategy.

The meeting was expected to include criticism of US President George Bush's emphasis on military-style repression of the cocaine trade.

Both Peru and Bolivia have called for increased economic aid from the United States to provide alternative sources of income to the thousands of peasants growing coca, the raw material for cocaine.

The gathering took place under heavy

security to defend against feared attacks by the financial Shining Path guerrilla group, which works with cocaine traffickers in Peru's coca-growing highland jungles.

The meeting bringing together Presidents Alan Garcia of Peru, Virgilio Barco of Colombia and Jaime Paz Zamora of Bolivia will be followed by a summit of the group of eight Latin American countries from tomorrow until Friday.

The presidents of Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay will discuss expelling Panama, which was suspended from the group of eight last year

to protest Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega's control of Panama.

Ica, a remote town of 350,000 inhabitants in the desert 185 miles (300 kilometres) southeast of Lima, was chosen as a site for the meetings because, with its limited road access, it affords better security than the capital, government officials said.

An army battalion was guarding the town's two entrances and some 3,000 policemen were in charge of security at the plush Las Dunas Hotel, where the meetings are being held.

Security was stepped up after Shining Path guerrillas launched attacks in Ica and the

surrounding area in the days

summit.

Last week, rebel assassins house of the rector of the state and, failing to find him, shot a

The same night, guerrillas attacked a town 40 miles (70 kilo-

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## Bogota blasts shatter 3-day lull

BOGOTA, Oct. 10: Twelve bombs exploded in Bogota and a provincial capital, injuring 32 people and causing extensive damage as they shattered a three-day lull in a terror campaign blamed on drug traffickers, police said.

Bombs also destroyed a store and damaged a multi-family residence as the government's war with cocaine cartels raged on, but Colombian police said they foiled a plot to assassinate two senators.

No deaths were reported in the two Bogota bombings last night, but three people were wounded, police reported.

A bomb of about nine pounds (four kg) of dynamite planted by two assailants in a car exploded in a downtown electronics store, blowing out windows in a nearby church and surrounding businesses and hurting one person.

Minutes later, an explosive damaged a residential building six families in an impoverished neighbourhood in northwest Bogota, blowing out windows in seven buildings and wounding a woman and a child.

Also police yesterday shot and killed a suspected terrorist in Bogota as he tried to flee, presumably after setting a bomb, police said. No further details were provided.

Four bombs exploded in downtown Pereira, capital of the western province of Risaralda, injuring 23 people, police said. They said three other bombs were detonated in the city of 500,000 people and a midnight-to-dawn curfew imposed.

In Bogota, bombs exploded in supermarkets, residential neighbourhoods, in the commercial centre and at the base of electricity pylons, injuring nine people, police said. The explosions caused millions of dollars in damages, they said on condition of anonymity.

As in previous attacks, no group claimed responsibility but the bombings were believed the work of Colombia's cocaine barons.

Since Aug 23, 157 bombings and arson attacks have killed 11 people and injured 200.

On that date, traffickers declared war on the government of President Virgilio Barco for its decision to reactivate an extradition treaty with the United States and expropriate property belonging to alleged cocaine smugglers.

The government declared the emergency measures on Aug 19, a day after the slaying — allegedly by hitmen working for traffickers — of Sen. Luis Carlos Galan, the presidential contender.

He had led a crusade against drugs in Medellin, Colombia's cocaine capital.

Earlier yesterday, authorities raided five cocaine laboratories along the Rosario River, arresting eight people and destroying a tonne of coca leaves, the national radio chain Caracol reported.

Coca leaves are the raw product for cocaine.

Police also reportedly seized weapons as well as coca seeds and chemicals used in processing cocaine. The radio said citing the commander of the state's anti-narcotics police.

Amnesty International said Wednesday that the world focus on the drugs crisis in Colombia should not divert attention from the pattern of gross human rights violations committed by the armed forces for political reasons.

The world-wide human rights organisations said the human rights situation had become significantly worse in Colombia and that sectors of the armed forces, often operating in an alliance with alleged drug traffickers, and paramilitary groups acting on their orders had killed unarmed civilians on an unprecedented scale in the past 16 months.



An Indonesian dancer presents flowers to the Pope as Suharto (centre) looks on. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Pope highlights love for people

JOGJAKARTA, Indonesia, Oct 10, (UPI): Pope John Paul II, speaking from a huge bamboo altar, today urged minority Indonesian Catholics to enrich the cultural and spiritual life of the world's largest Muslim nation.

Helicopters hovered overhead and 2,000 armed police kept watch as the pontiff made his way in an open car to a grassy field where more than 120,000 Roman Catholics gathered to greet the Pope on his first visit to Indonesia.

His pastoral message to the people of historic central Java emphasized the love of fellow man and the duty of Catholics to use their faith to enrich the lives of all people.

"As members of the Catholic and universal church you are conscious of the fact that the church's role is also to help enrich every

culture," the Pope told the faithful gathered under clear sunny skies in a grassy field adjacent to the Indonesian Air Force Academy. "Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you to make selfless love your role in life."

The pontiff was escorted to a hand-crafted 41-foot (12.5 m) bamboo altar by 260 traditional Javanese dancers and 1,000 choir members while lilting gamelan music filled the air.

The choir also entertained the pontiff and Catholics from as far away as the resort island of Bali with traditional Polish folk songs reminiscent of John Paul's homeland, along with Indonesian music.

He greeted 21 sick and handicapped people in English and Bahasa Indonesian, the national language.

The nation's 5.5 million Catholics make up only a tiny segment of Indonesia's population of 178 million, which is overwhelmingly Muslim.

Emphasising the tight security for the Pope's visit, authorities sealed off the site of the mass adjacent to the airport early in the day and all scheduled flights to and from Jogjakarta were diverted to nearby Solo.

Waving yellow and white Vatican banners and red and white Indonesian flags, the surging crowd chanted "Viva II Papa" as the smiling and waving Pope rode in an open car from the airport to the site of his second mass in two days.

An archway with the inscription "Viva II Papa" was erected at the gate of the compound to welcome the Pope to the fertile, rice-growing central highlands.

## China cuts Liberia ties

China raps West

## Nobel plot to split

BEIJING, Oct 10, (Reuters): China delivered a birthday rebuke to Taiwan as it celebrated its National Day today by severing diplomatic relations with Liberia in response to its restoration of official ties with the nationalist island.

The official New China News Agency quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying Liberian Ambassador Christopher Ricks was called into the ministry and told that diplomatic relations were suspended.

The West African country formally re-established links with nationalist-ruled Taiwan yesterday after a 12-year break.

An embassy official said Liberia wanted relations with both China and Taiwan.

"We want to keep our embassy in Beijing. It's up to the Chinese," the diplomat said.

China's row with Liberia was unwelcome in Beijing, which has been trying to forge closer ties with the Third World since relations with the West deteriorated after the army's crackdown on pro-democracy protests in June.

China's Foreign Ministry said Liberia's decision to forge ties with Taiwan violated its commitment to recognise Beijing as the sole government of the Chinese people.

"Under such circumstances, the Chinese government cannot but suspend its diplomatic relations with Liberia as of today," the official was quoted as saying.

Suspension of ties with Liberia was effectively a complete break in ties but, in theory, left the way open to a possible restoration, a Western diplomat said.

Liberia became the second country after the small Caribbean nation of Grenada to switch diplomatic ties from Beijing to Taipei in the 40-year diplomatic rivalry between the communists and the nationalists.

Beijing broke relations with Grenada in August shortly after it recognised Taiwan.

Taiwan, recognised by only 25 governments, has agreed to provide more than \$200 million

BEIJING, Oct. 10 (Reuters): China denounced today the award of the Nobel peace prize to the Dalai Lama as part of a secret Western plot to split the country and restore a feudal system in Tibet.

The accusation added a new dimension to China's recent increasingly xenophobic attacks on "hostile foreign forces" it charged had helped to trigger nation-wide anti-government protests that were crushed by the army in June.

The People's Daily, the Communist Party newspaper, said the Nobel peace prize had "become a tool for certain people in Western countries to achieve their secret purpose."

"The West's scheme... is to whip up and support the Dalai clique in their plot to destroy China's unity of nationalities and split the motherland," the headline commentary said.

Oso's Nobel committee was seeking to return Tibet to the feudal society that existed before the communist Chinese army entered Tibet in 1950, the newspaper added.

It described the award as "preposterous" and said it had enraged the Chinese people.

The Dalai Lama, spiritual and temporal leader of Tibetans, fled his homeland in 1959 after an abortive uprising against Chinese rule and lives in exile in India.

He was awarded the prize last week for his non-violent "struggle for the liberation of Tibet," the Nobel committee said.

The People's Daily charged the Buddhist leader's agents of involvement in repeated pro-independence demonstrations that have rocked Tibet since September 1987.

The newspaper failed to name any government or individual behind the alleged destabilisation of Tibet.

China says it has ruled Tibet since the 13th century, a claim disputed by the Tibetan "government-in-exile" which is based in India. No country recognises Tibet as an independent country or disputes China's sovereignty over it.

Lhasa, the ancient capital of the Himalayan region, has been under martial law since March when a spate of anti-Chinese protests drew fierce retaliation by police.

China has also charged that a Western conspiracy encouraged the student protests in Peking earlier this year in a bid to undermine communist rule. China's leaders said the party was in danger of overthrow, but have offered no evidence the West was behind the pro-democracy movement.

Chinese police said yesterday that farmers have been found growing opium poppies in southwestern border areas and that drug addiction has become a problem in the region.

in aid to Liberia for education on and road construction.

Taiwan's nationalist leaders were celebrating today the 78th anniversary of a 1911 revolution that overthrew the Qing dynasty and established a republic in China.

The Chinese government called today for stepped-up efforts in its ongoing political purge and crackdown on dissent, warning that remnants of the spring pro-democracy movement still threaten to become a "time bomb."

## Protest marks Taiwan N-Day

TAIPEI, Oct. 7, (AP): Nearly 1,000 shouting protesters demanding the release of political prisoners battled police today near a downtown square where a mass rally and parade were held to mark Taiwan's National Day.

Demonstrators threw rocks and poked flagpoles and sticks in attempts to break through human walls formed by about 2,000 riot police who blocked every intersection leading to the rally in front of the president's office building.

Backed by water cannons and barbed-wire barricades, the police at one point charged the demonstrators with shields and truncheons. But they quickly regrouped to confront the officers again.

Seven people were injured, including five policemen who were treated in hospitals for head and face injuries. One protester suffered bruises on his chest, officials said.

The demonstration failed to disrupt the 90-minute parade of military honour guards and marching and dancing students that filed past the colourfully decorated square and an estimated 250,000 spectators.

President Lee Teng-Hui briefly addressed the rally, which was attended by dignitaries from 40 countries, including Liberian Vice-President Harry Moniba.

"Taiwan's future cannot be viewed as independent of a reunified China," Lee said. "Our sense of national righteousness and sincerity will most certainly not allow us to merely stand by and watch China continue to exist with one part living in a state of freedom and the other under enslavement."

Protest organiser Chen Wan-Chen said the demonstrators from the opposition Democratic Progressive Party wanted to appeal to Lee to release three prominent political prisoners.

Protesters near the mass rally dispersed after four hours and planned to join another demonstration outside a jail in the Taipei suburb of Tucheng.

## Mitterrand calls to bridge widening poor-rich gap

But it was cut short after Mitterrand leaned heavily against the wall and immediately was surrounded by officials, according to witnesses.

A French embassy spokeswoman said the president "felt indisposed because of the heat," but that he was "all right" after some rest.

Mitterrand had come from Guadeloupe, where he toured three villages that were severely damaged in hurricane Hugo, and said the French Parliament will consider subsidies to those who lost their homes in the storm three weeks ago.

Perez, in a speech welcoming Mitterrand, praised him for his "open and sincere defence of international justice."

"You have identified yourself with the most noble causes that we, the developing countries, defend," he said.

Mitterrand said industrialised nations must make an effort to understand "the drama of developing countries," and bridge the "widening gap" that separates them.

He praised Venezuela, one of Latin America's most politically stable countries, for holding on to democratic institutions despite recent crises. And he recalled a visit he made to Venezuela 13 years ago as chief of France's Socialist Party, then in opposition, when Perez was in his first term 1974-79.

## Doctors plead for nuclear test ban

HIROSHIMA, Oct 10, (AP): A Nobel peace prize-winning group of physicians called today for an immediate nuclear test ban and a 50 per cent reduction in military spending world-wide.

"From the hypocentre in Hiroshima, we appeal for a new agenda of moral priorities, one that feeds the hungry and heals the sick rather than nourishes the insatiable military appetites," said Bernard Lown, a leading Harvard University cardiologist and co-president of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

In an appeal issued at the end of the group's four-day meeting in Hiroshima, site of the world's first atomic attack in 1945, the group called for an immediate ban on all nuclear testing, its major goal.

"Arms control has become a charade of retiring old weapons as we deploy new ones, and the military laboratories are working at full blast," Lown said in an interview.

"It's like a doctor injecting a vaccine into one arm and a virus in the other," he said.

The group also urged a halt to the production of weapons-grade radioactive material, a 50 per cent reduction in military spending over the next five years and conversion of secret weapons laboratories to open scientific institutes addressing environmental problems.

"Were these measures to be realised, within a short time we shall enjoy a kinder and gentler world. Aids, drug abuse and terrorism would become manageable problems," Lown told some 3,000 delegates to the Hiroshima meeting.

"We will not have arrived at a mythical Shangri-La, but we shall no longer dread the uncertainty of whether planet Earth will continue as our permanent home," he said.

In a statement read to the conference by the Soviet ambassador to Japan, Nikolai Soloviev, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said "removing the burden of nuclear arms is one of the main goals of Soviet foreign policy." Conference organisers said they had received no message from US President George Bush at their 9th world congress.

Lown has met with Gorbachev in Moscow several times since his group won the Nobel prize but never with a US president, despite requests to do so.

## Refugees want to go home

GENEVA, Oct 10, (Reuters): A senior UN official said today the number of Vietnamese refugees asking to go home was growing and he appealed for more time for the voluntary repatriation scheme to prove itself.

Sergio Vieira De Mello of the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said 360 given temporary asylum in Hong Kong had gone home since March and 356 more had been interviewed by Vietnamese consular officials.

A further 600 had applied to return home and Hanoi had received applications from Vietnamese in Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines, Vieira De Mello, head of the UNHCR's Asia department, told a meeting of the agency's executive committee.

"This progress, modest as it may be, is not negligible and provides sufficient ground to argue that this humane option must be given a fair chance to prove its viability," he said.

He told the committee, comprising 45 member countries, that the UNHCR was a race against time in the face of strong public feeling against the boat people in the colony.

"May I express the hope that restraint can be exercised for another reasonable period of time," he said. Hong Kong would like to send home the 56,000 refugees crammed in its overcrowded camps, whether they want to go or not. The United States and Vietnam both reject forced repatriation.

The United Nations today reduced food supplies to the biggest Cambodian refugee camp in Thailand because rice was being diverted to outside users, relief officials said in Bangkok.

# Dan storming towards central Philippines

MANILA, Oct 10, (AP): Tropical storm Dan headed for the central Philippines today as officials reported at least 62 people were killed by another typhoon last week.

The Coast Guard ordered a halt to all domestic sea traffic to ports in the central Visayan sea, and Philippine

Airlines cancelled 22 domestic flights as Dan approached southeastern Luzon, although it said international flights were not affected.

At 5 pm (0900 GMT), Dan was centred about 130 kilometres (81 miles) east of the Samar island town of Catarman, or about 575 kilometres (360

miles) southeast of Manila, weather forecasters said. Forecaster Prisco Nilo said the storm was moving at 33 kilometre (21 miles) an hour toward Sorsogon province on the southeastern tip of Luzon and probably would come ashore late tonight.

Coastal residents were warned to move to higher ground, Nilo said. Officials suspended elementary and high school classes in affected areas. Classes at schools inside the US Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Base also were suspended, the US military-run Far East Network announced.

Forecasters said the storm, with a rain cloud 1,000 kilometres (625 miles) wide, and expected to bring heavy rains and gusty winds to the entire central Visayas region, the northeastern part of Mindanao island and the southern portion of Luzon, including Manila.

Meanwhile, the death toll from

typhoon Angela, which battered the northern tip of Luzon last Friday, reached 62, with at least 47 people missing and 27 injured, the military's office of civil defence reported.

Angela struck the area with peak winds of 175 kilometres (108 miles) an hour.

## Tories meet in face of a gloomy economy

UK press criticises Lawson policies

BLACKPOOL, Oct 10, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party began its annual four-day conference today amid fears of a sinking British pound and with its popularity at an eight-year low.

Party leaders were rallying speeches in the face of gloomy newspaper reports and opinion polls.

Thatcher told a pre-conference dinner in this northwest seaside resort last night: "The economy is stronger than ever. Living standards are higher than ever."

Conservative Party Chairman Kenneth Baker said today: "This is

not the time for fretting or poring over opinion polls. This is not a time for being fainthearted. The fight is on."

Baker said the next general election would offer voters a choice between "a strong conservative Britain and a weak socialist Britain" of the Labour Party.

Newspaper headlines today reported an economic crisis involving the pound sterling.

The London Times wrote: "Tories gather in Blackpool as shares and sterling slump."

The Independent said: "Fears of crisis as pound plunges. Sterling collapse triggers sharp fall in share prices."

The Financial Times, Britain's leading business daily, reported: "Substantial selling on fears that interest rates will not be raised further."

The pound fell heavily on foreign exchange markets following weekend reports that Mrs Thatcher and Nigel Lawson, the chancellor of the exchequer, were at odds over his policy of hiking interest rates to support the pound and bolster the government's battle against inflation.

The Daily Mail, a prominent pro-government newspaper, called for Lawson to resign. The paper condemned last week's further rise in bank base lending rates and said ordinary people were paying the price of his "arrogance and folly."

But party officials led by Thatcher rallied around the beleaguered finance minister.

Lawson left the conference today to work on his speech, scheduled to be delivered on Thursday, the treasury said.

The pound quoted at midday today at 1.5677 dollars, down almost 1 cent from late Monday and more than 4 cents lower than it was before Lawson hiked British interest rates by 1 percentage point to 15 percent on Thursday.

"The interest rate rise was necessary and this government always does what is necessary and always has," Mrs Thatcher said last night.

Lawson ordered the increase following interest rate hikes in West Germany and five other European countries. It was Britain's 11th rise since June 1988, when the rate stood at 7.5 per cent.

Higher British interest rates make holding sterling more attractive for foreign investors and curb inflationary trends by making credit more expensive for consumers.

But business leaders have warned that high interest rates could topple the economy into recession, because they push up the cost of business borrowing.

Brian Gould, trade and industry spokesman for the opposition Labour Party, said last night: "With billions already spent from the reserves and with interest rates at 15 per cent, it is hard to see where he (Lawson) can go now."

"We are being taught a harsh lesson—that if the fundamentals of the economy are wrong, short-term solutions simply leave you wriggling on the hook."

### Blackpool security

## Blown up

BLACKPOOL, England, Oct 10, (Reuters): A Mexican trapeze artist became the first victim of a massive security operation at the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool when his van was blown up by British troops.

Gerardo Rodolgo, late for his act at a circus on Sunday night, left the Dutch-licensed van in a no-parking zone just yards (metres) from the venue of the party's annual meeting.

Minutes later police sealed off roads and a spokesman said they called in army bomb disposal experts to carry out a "controlled explosion."

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Rabble-rouser

Former Greek premier Andreas Papandreu waves to some of his supporters who packed the Athens Olympic Stadium. Papandreu launched a comeback campaign for November elections by

angrily denouncing the coalition government which recently ordered him to stand trial on criminal charges. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Greece heads for new elections

ATHENS, Oct 10, (Agencies): Greece headed for fresh elections and uncertainty next month after party leaders today failed to agree on a national unity government to avert a deepening political crisis.

President Christos Sartzetakis, playing his role as mediator, failed to convince the three leading party heads to set aside their political differences and form an administration of common acceptance.

The two-hour meeting between conservative New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis, ex-premier Andreas Papandreu of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasek) and Communist Party chief Harilaos Florakis whose group dominates the coalition of the left and progress, was held in a "positive atmosphere," one of the participants stated as he left the presidential palace.

"We are heading for elections on Nov 5. The President now has the choice to pick a service government," Mitsotakis told waiting reporters as he departed.

Papandreu, whose sharp verbal attacks against Mitsotakis and the communist chief over the weekend have created a tense atmosphere in the capital, described the meeting as "positive" with no objections over the president's choice for a premier to head the caretaker regime.

Supreme court president Ioannis Grivas was expected to be named to act as caretaker premier and oversee the elections.

An unlikely conservative-communist coalition government which was formed in July resigned last Saturday, saying it had completed its task of cleaning up a series of political scandals.

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## Nato needs to improve arms

Warsaw Pact numerically superior

LONDON, Oct 10, (AP): Nato must improve the effectiveness of its conventional weapons to counter the vastly superior number of Warsaw Pact troops and advances in Soviet technology, according to a Jane's reference book.

The editors of "Jane's Battlefield Surveillance Systems" said the superpower agreement to eliminate intermediate-range Nuclear Forces in Europe is a major step toward greater reductions in nuclear weapons by the United States and Soviet Union.

But Ted Hooton and Ken Munson warned that "as important as it is to the continuing peace process, the INF carries with it some serious concerns for both the United States and its Nato allies."

"Warsaw Pact forces are already vastly superior numerically to those of Nato, and this advantage in numbers is further enhanced by the recent rapid growth in Soviet technology," they said.

The editors said in the book's preface that despite the new Soviet policies of openness and economic reform, "the post-INF climate must not allow complacency to override vigilance."

"On the contrary, the current imbalance of conventional forces demands nothing less of the Atlantic alliance than a major improvement in the battle management effectiveness of its conventional weapons, and the key to this is constant, round-the-clock surveillance."

## Bush urged to act Call to save SDI

WASHINGTON, Oct 10, (AP): US President George Bush must resist further cuts in funding for his space-based missile defence program, say the system's most enthusiastic backers in Congress.

These lawmakers—all, like Bush, Republicans—say the President must act now to save the Strategic Defence Initiative. The House of Representatives and the Senate are thrashing out the defence budget for fiscal 1990.

"We need them to weigh in on this conference," Sen. Malcolm Wallop, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said in an interview last week. "Unless the administration is willing to come out and do something, it's going to continue to go downhill," said Rep. John Kasich, a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

SDI, introduced six years ago by then-President Reagan, has suffered a series of blows in recent months. In early August, the House by a 248-175 vote slashed \$1.8 billion from Bush's request of \$4.9 billion for the programme in fiscal 1990.

Last month, Vice President Dan Quayle said the Reagan administration's SDI approach to defence was "political jargon." Opponents cited these comments as an indication the administration does not fully support the programme proponents say the vice president's remarks were taken out of context.

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## S. Korea must develop a new political culture: Roh

SEOUL, Oct 10, (AP): President Roh Tae-woo said today South Korea must develop a "new political culture and behaviour" if it wants to become a true democracy after years of authoritarian rule.

In a statement to the national assembly that accompanied the government's 1990 budget bill, Roh also said the South Korean people should learn to abide more by law and order.

"Looking back at the recent process of democratisation, I think we have successfully introduced new systems to nurture democracy and we now have to develop a new political culture and behaviour," he said.

Roh's statement was read by Prime Minister Kang Young-Hoon.

The president did not say what he meant by a "new political culture and behaviour," but some political analysts

say Korean politics tend to be characterised by refusal to compromise.

Roh, a former army general, is widely credited with many sweeping democratic reforms, including greater press freedom, but his critics argue that he has not done enough.

Roh said his government will enforce law and order more strictly to cope with "forces bent on violence to achieve their goals and those who are trying to topple our

free democratic system."

The president has warned on many occasions that pro-North Korean ideological groups, led by radical students, plan to stage a leftist revolution in South Korea to set up a "classless workers' regimes."

Roh also said he has done enough to get rid of the legacy of his disgraced predecessor, Chun Doo Hwan. He rejected an opposition demand for legal action

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# Crisis of East bloc communism brings its problems for the West

LONDON, Oct 10, (Reuters): For years, Western countries dreamed the communist bloc would wither away and that the East European peoples would throw off the Soviet yoke.

But now that the dream looks like starting to come true, the West is getting distinctly nervous.

"The threat in my view is not an expansionist Soviet Union which is seeking hegemony,"

US arms negotiator Richard Burt said last weekend. "The threat is the retraction of Soviet power and perhaps the crumbling of the Soviet empire."

In ways that seemed unthinkable just a year or two ago, the East Europeans are loosening the four-decade grip of communism.

In Poland, the communists handed over power to the opposition Solidarity movement in August after a disastrous flop in elections.

In Hungary, the ruling party has voted for a Western-style socialist platform and dumped the trappings of old-style communism as it too heads for free elections next year.

In East Germany, tens of thousands of demonstrators have taken to the streets to demand reforms from the ageing and unbending leadership after thousands more of their countrymen fled to the West — mainly through reformist Hungary.

The crisis of communism in Eastern Europe, and the new willingness of the Soviet Union, hit by economic and ethnic problems of its own, to let events take their course, has drawn highly optimistic assessments by some Western analysts.

Francis Fukuyama, a US State Department policy planner, wrote: "What we may be witnessing is not just the end of the cold war, or the passing of a particular period of post-

war history, but the end of history as such: that is, the end point of mankind's ideological evolution and the universalisation of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government."

But most Western officials, while bound to welcome the changes under way in the East, see a host of problems looming on the horizon.

In the worst case, diplomats say, the whole

process could come to a halt or go into reverse if Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev decides it was gone too far or is supplanted by other Kremlin figures keen to reassert Moscow's hold over its allies.

But if things continue on their present course, that could threaten the precarious balance of Eastern and Western military blocs that many Western politicians maintain has kept the peace in Europe since World War

## East Germany holds talks with protesters

### Policy shift: police allow march

EAST BERLIN, Oct 10, (Agencies): Officials in two East German cities turned to dialogue with pro-reform demonstrators today only days after police broke up the country's biggest street protests in decades and made mass arrests.

In a possible switch of tactics from force to persuasion, the mayor of Dresden opened talks with protesters, and three top Communist Party officials in Leipzig agreed on the need for similar meetings.

"It's a hopeful sign," said one church source in Dresden, where 90 were injured in the worst violence to mar ceremonies last week marking East Germany's 40th anniversary.

But in another sign of a more lenient approach, police did not intervene as more than 50,000 people staged a noisy but non-violent march through Leipzig last night in the biggest demonstration since a failed 1953 uprising.

In Dresden, 20 demonstrators held unprecedented talks with city Mayor Wolfgang Berghofer and agreed to meet again next Monday. Activists at the talks said Berghofer promised to free all non-violent protesters held in five nights of unrest.

"What we have discussed today is of such fundamental significance that we cannot cover it all in three meetings," they quoted the mayor as saying.

In Leipzig, pastor Christoph Wonneberger told West German television that the city's radio station had broadcast a pledge by local party chiefs to work toward dialogue with activists seeking a better way of life.

"It's difficult to say whether this reflects a change in policy at the top level," he said.

Forcible suppression of earlier street rallies in major cities had been world-wide publicity on a government already hit by the westward exodus of 45,000 of its citizens in the last month alone.

A television commentator called protesters "troublemakers without heads" while the party daily, Neues Deutschland, devoted two pages to cataloguing the demonstrations, which reached their pitch at the weekend.

One commentator, scoring Western reports that the protests were peaceful and the police brutal, said demonstrators shouted at one young policeman: "We're going to cut your belly open. We'll remember your face."

Neues Deutschland said the demonstrators, already branded neo-Nazi thugs yesterday, were rowdies intent on disturbing law and order and undermining the communist state.

It also gave front-page prominence to Honecker's implicit warning yesterday that he had learned from Beijing's suppression of pro-democracy protests last June.

East Germany's ruling politburo meets today for the first time since massive demonstrations spread to more than a half-dozen cities.

East Germany wants to hire 80,000 Chinese to fill positions left vacant by the legal and illegal emigration of thousands of young skilled East Germans to the West, a newspaper reported yesterday.

### Prisoners freed

NAIROBI, Oct 10, (Agencies): President Daniel Arap Moi, marking Kenya's first Moi Day national holiday, announced today he had ordered the release of 10,274 petty criminals.

"Since today is Moi Day and a day of being mindful of other people's welfare, those prisoners who have been imprisoned for petty offences for six, seven or even 10 months will be released... and join their families and take part in nation building," said Moi. "They should refrain from these offences in the future."

Under the measure's provisions, disgruntled workers outside the hallowed sectors can mount legal strikes only after first giving an employee-management panel five days to resolve their grievances.

In their request for a temporary, all-inclusive strike ban, Gorbachev and Voronin had asked the parliament to give the government sweeping emergency powers to prevent an economic breakdown during the nation's normally harsh winter.

But hardline communist leader Erich Honecker, out of step with reformist Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, has rejected pleas to modify his policies, saying East Berlin would stick to its proven course. Western diplomats said East Berlin was sending out mixed signals and it was too early to say whether the dialogue in the two main hotspots was genuine or a tactic to buy time.

East Germany's official media made no reference to the moves towards dialogue and continued today to portray pro-reform demonstrators as rowdies.



Nyers support

## Russians pass law to limit strikes

MOSCOW, Oct 10, (UPI) The Soviet parliament passed a law forbidding strikes in key sectors of the nation's ailing economy in a compromise on President Mikhail Gorbachev's call for a sweeping 15-month ban of all labour walk-outs.

An overwhelming majority of lawmakers approved the measure that limits strikes to less essential industries, with only 12 deputies voting against it and 10 abstentions in the revamped 542-seat Supreme Soviet.

The passage of the law came a week after the parliament rejected appeals by Gorbachev and Deputy Premier Lev Voronin to impose a 15-month ban on all strikes.

The Supreme Soviet at one time simply rubber-stamped decisions of the country's Communist Party, but appeared today to have wielded carefully its newfound independence, essentially rebuffing the reform-minded president whose perestroika reforms had transformed the body into a working legislature.

The Soviet news agency Tass lauded yesterday's legislation as "the first legal act in the history of Soviet legislation to... legalise the right to strike."

But the measure actually prohibits strikes in essential industries and services.

"The law bans strikes that would threaten people's lives or health and prohibits labour actions by workers in railroad and local public transport, civil aviation, communications, power engineering, defence industries, government agencies, organisations charged with ensuring public order and national security, and (on) production lines," Tass said.

The nation's restive coal miners, whose summertime strikes seriously tested Gorbachev's reforms, were not discussed explicitly.

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## Reform diluted to avoid split

### Hungary ends congress

BUDAPEST, Oct 10, (AP): Delegates who scrapped a Soviet bloc Communist Party for the first time in history ended their congress today after voting to retain their old leader and diluting some reformist proposals.

Rezső Nyers, who was elected president of the new Hungarian Socialist Party, told reporters Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was the first to congratulate him following yesterday's vote.

"Gorbachev conducts very fast diplomacy," a tired but elated Nyers said. "They gave me his telegram within two hours of my election."

He was named president in closed session after key reformists reluctantly shelved some of their reservations about him to avoid a possible split.

Nyers served as chairman of the Hungarian Socialist Workers (Communist) Party scrapped by the Congress on Saturday.

The Congress ended after midnight with delegates approving a series of resolutions that were diluted versions of demands by radical reformers.

They included discussion in parliament of assets accrued by the old party in 41 years of power, the fate of the worker's militia controlled by the old party, and declaration of Oct 23, marking the start of the 1956 anti-Stalinist uprising, as a "day of national reconciliation."

Hours earlier, spokesman Emil Kimmel went on state TV to the election of Nyers and a 25-member national steering committee, the new party's executive leadership and successor of the Communist Party Politburo.

Delegates said reformists Imre Pozsgay and Premier Miklos Nemeth, members of the old party's collective leadership, were among the 25. They were not picked as deputies to Nyers, however, in a new indication of resistance to too much reformist influence.

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spokesman Janos Barabas. Politburo member Karoly Grosz, the most conservative of the old party's collective leadership, also was not elected to the steering committee, but said before hand he would not seek a senior post.

The clearly reformist makeup of the executive body was expected to gratify some liberals unhappy with the choice of Nyers, former chairman of the Communist Party.

Delegates Gyorgy Kerekes said Nyers won the support of 86 per cent of those present, and Barabas said from 70 to 80 per cent voted for the steering committee list.

More than 1,200 delegates attended the congress that opened on Friday.

On Saturday, the congress laid the Socialist Workers (Communist) Party to rest and founded the Hungarian Socialist Party in a vote without parallel in the Soviet bloc. That opens the way for Hungary's first free national elections in 41 years.

Founding documents described the new party as having democratic socialist leanings, committed to a free market economy and a parliamentary democracy.

But in an attempt to compromise, the congress rejected radical reformers' demands that die-hard marxists be expressly shut out. It instead stipulated that all accepting the new party's orientation in writing could become members.

The new party's formation was the reform in Hungary, whose democratic strivings have placed it, along with Poland, in the vanguard of change in the Soviet bloc.

In the show-of-hands vote, delegates overwhelmingly approved strivings for "a constitutional state based on a multiparty system, where the source of power is the will of the people expressed in free elections."

The party was described as "an organisation in the marxist spirit... totally committed to democracy."

Nonetheless, reformist delegates have expressed worry that the new party does not differ enough from its predecessor, and the choice of Nyers was expected to heighten anxieties among some wanting a clean break with the past.

### Europe

**Nuns accused of hypocrisy:** An order of English nuns that is trying to spare their 5,000 salmonella-infected chickens from being slaughtered incurred the wrath of an animal-welfare group on Tuesday.

"They should earn a living in a more Christian way," than keeping chickens penned in small cages to get their eggs, said Sue Collin, secretary of the Northampton branch of the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

She accused the nuns of hypocrisy. "They're battling and sitting in the court to save these chickens now," but would be "quite happy" to send them to the slaughterhouse when their eggs production has slackened, she said. (UPI)

**Gas leak sealed:** A leak on an unmanned North Sea gas platform was sealed on Monday, a day after it forced the evacuation of 70 workers from a nearby drilling rig, the Conoco Company said.

The leak occurred on the out-of-service Vulcan II rig in Conoco's Vulcan field, 40 miles (60 kilometres) northeast of the east English port of Great Yarmouth.

Helicopters safely evacuated 70 employees of the Penrod Drilling Company from the Penrod 92 rig to the Britoil Logs platform because of the danger of an explosion. (AP)

**Briton facing extradition:** Howard Marks, a Briton facing extradition to the United States from Spain on drug smuggling charges, has been taken ill with a possible viral infection, his lawyer said on Monday.

Marks, accused of leading the world's largest hashish and marijuana smuggling ring, was suffering from sores on his hands when he appeared before the high court on Monday to be told of last week's rejection of his appeal against extradition.

"The doctor said it could be a virus and might be contagious," Marks' lawyer Gustavo Lopez Munoz told Reuters. "He is in a lot of pain and is taking tranquillizers." (Reuters)

**Mafia casino racket on trial:** Fifty-two people went on trial on Tuesday accused of involvement in an alleged mafia money-laundering scandal at two northern Italian casinos. The prosecution claims gangsters used the San Remo and Campione d'Italia gaming rooms to launder money from drug smuggling, kidnap ransoms and criminal rackets.

The defendants include the former mayors of the two towns and eight town councillors charged with taking bribes of more than one million dollars for awarding casino management contracts to businessmen accused of acting on behalf of leading mafia bosses. (Reuters)

**Admiral Trost:** The US Navy's top uniformed officer, Adm. Carlisle Trost, on Monday launches a tour of Soviet military facilities, continuing a growing number of military exchanges between the two superpowers.

Trost is the first uniformed service chief to make an official visit to the Soviet Union, according to his spokesman, Cmdr. Thomas Jurkowski. The trip, which will continue through Oct 14, is the result of an agreement reached by the former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, Adm. William Crowe and Soviet Marshall Sergei Akhromeyev during the Soviet military leader's visit to the United States last year. (Kuna)

**Cossiga for US:** President Francesco Cossiga left for New York on Tuesday to start a week-long official visit to the United States — the first by an Italian head of state since 1982.

Cossiga, 61, a former Christian Democrat prime minister who was elected to a seven-year term as President June 14, 1985, was accompanied by socialist Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis, 48, and a strong delegation of experts. (UPI)

**Austrian cosmonauts chosen:** Two Austrians, a physician and electrical engineer, were selected on Monday as the candidates for the first Austrian-Soviet joint space mission.

The flight planned for 1991 is part of a new Soviet pay-as-you-fly programme as opposed to the 13-year series of political flights for propaganda purposes with socialist countries.

Clemens Lohaller, 26, an anaesthesiologist, and Frederick Fiebert, 29, an electrical engineer will begin their training at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Centre in January 1990. (UPI)

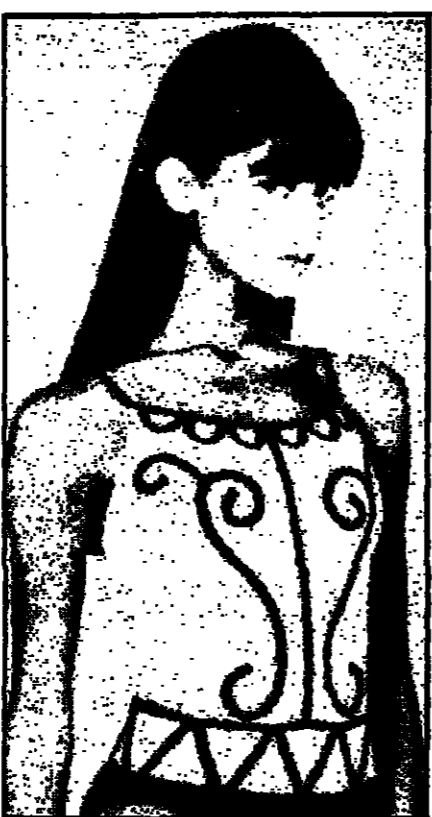
**Call for faster changes:** The head of the Solidarity caucus in parliament on Monday said Poland should move faster to free news media to tell the truth and to remove the army and police from Communist Party control.

"The state, which was monopolised by one party, now is becoming the property of the nation," said Bronislaw Geremek, assessing the record of change 100 days after the seating of the first freely elected parliament in Poland's post-war history and the coming to power of a Solidarity-led government last month. (AP)

**Snow falls on Mount Etna:** A light snow fell on Mount Etna on Monday as streams of fiery lava flowed down the side of Europe's most active volcano.

The lava surging from the volcano's crater and fissures and slowed considerably from last week, said Giovanni Fazzetta of the International Institute of Vulcanology in Catania.

The lava was still far from villages near the volcano on the southern Italian island of Sicily, and authorities said no one was in danger. (AP)



Wear and swim

A Fendi sisters swim suit that will be presented at Milan 1990 spring-summer fashion show. (Reuters wirephoto)



Royal trouble

Manna Ogilvy, cousin of Queen Elizabeth and 24th in line to the British throne told the tabloid newspaper Today that she had been cut off by her parents, Sir Angus Ogilvy and Princess Alexandra, after becoming pregnant. Marina named the father of her baby as photographer Paul Mowatt and has written to the Queen asking for help. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Asia

#### No more dancing cheek to cheek:

China's freewheeling southern city of Shenzhen, now under the grip of Beijing's orthodox Marxist rulers, has told its 90 dance halls they may stay in business but no more dancing cheek to cheek.

The city, known for its liberal economic policies, has closed three dance halls and is inspecting all others after allegations of sex for sale and "dancing too close," according to the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone daily.

The newspaper said in an edition reaching Beijing on Tuesday that dance halls had diversified life and improve the investment climate in the city on the border with Hong Kong. (Reuters)

**Quake rattles Tokyo:** A moderate earthquake with a preliminary reading of 4.5 on the Richter scale jolted Tokyo on Tuesday, causing downtown buildings to sway, but there were no immediate reports of damage.

The quake, which registered three on the Japanese scale of 7 in Tokyo, struck at 3:28 pm (06:28 GMT) and also measured three in neighbouring Yokohama and Chiba cities, and two in other outlying areas adjacent to the Japanese capital. (AP)

**Ozone accord:** Malaysia will accede to two international agreements aimed at protecting the earth's ozone layer through control of a widely used chemical responsible for its depletion, effective Nov 27, the Science, Technology and Environment Ministry said in Tuesday.

The agreements are the 1985 Vienna convention for the protection of the ozone layer and the 1987 Montreal protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer. (Kuna)

### Construction-site blast:

Susan Loudon thought a tree had crashed into the roof of her home when she felt a rumble that shook her "right down to the filigree in my teeth."

"Boy, was I wrong," Mrs Loudon said on Monday as she pointed to a 500-pound (227-kilogramme) limestone boulder lobbed through her roof by a construction-site blast. The stone lodged in the floor of a bedroom shared by Mrs Loudon's sons, ages eight and 10. The boys weren't in the room, and nobody was hurt.

Blasting by workers preparing a shopping mall site hurled the boulder 300 feet (100 metres) in the air, and nearly 200 feet (60 metres) sideways, said Monongalia county sheriff's deputy Sandra Bonnett. A smaller chunk of rock also hit the house, she said.

Viv Mashuda, president of Mashuda Corp., the Pittsburgh contractor, said his company is prepared to pay for any damage caused by his crews. (AP)

**Body of Bette will be taken to US:** The body of Hollywood actress Bette Davis, who died on Friday of cancer, will be returned to the United States this week, hospital officials said on Tuesday.

Officials at the American hospital outside Paris, where Davis died, said her body would be returned home either on Wednesday or Thursday. A hospital spokeswoman would not say where in the United States the body would be sent. (UPI)

**Sailors hurt in electrical fire:** Sailors on the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal worked on Tuesday to cool hot spots from an electrical fire in an elevator machinery room. Nine sailors received minor injuries, a navy spokesman said.

The fire broke out on Monday and was believed to be mostly confined to the room, which contains machinery for an elevator that raises aircraft to deck level.

Cmdr Tim Taylor said it could have travelled along cables to other areas of the ship. "Electrical fires can be deceiving. We won't know the scope until they trace the cableways and find the source," he said. (AP)

**Experiment on dogs:** The US army said on Monday it will go ahead with controversial bone-healing experiments on greyhound dogs despite protests by animal rights activists.

But it said it will ensure that owners of any greyhounds it buys in the future know that their dogs are going to be used — and killed — in the experiments.

"At this time, we feel the experiments are very legitimate. But the programme is on hold, at least until we get dogs for the experiments to begin," said an army spokesman.

The tests, to be conducted at the army's Presidio base in San Francisco, are aimed at improving healing prospects for injured troops. (Reuters)

### Latin America

**Ortega visit:** President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua arrived in Cyprus yesterday for a two-day working visit.

Ortega, whose visits was not officially announced until two days earlier, was welcomed at the Nicosia airport by his Cypriot counterpart George Vassiliou with whom he later had a 90-minute initial meeting.

He flew to Cyprus on an East German Interflug airliner from Berlin, where he had been attending the celebrations for the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the German Democratic Republic.

Informed sources who did not wish to be named said his visit was linked to Nicaragua's desire to take over the presidency of the Non-Aligned Movement, held by Yugoslavia for the next four years.

Cyprus is one of the founder members of the movement and in the last four years it has played a major role as chairman of a committee for its modernisation. (AP)

**Nicaragua accuses:** Nicaragua yesterday accused Contra rebels and the United States of trying to sabotage next February's general elections and said it could present proof in the form of US official documents.

Bayardo Arce, a member of the ruling Sandinista directorate, said the United States was obstructing the electoral process by backing the rebels.

Arce said Nicaragua would use an international forum, which he did not name, to present evidence of the US role in undermining the elections.

"We will accuse the US government of sabotaging the elections... we can easily prove it with official documents of the North American government," Arce told reporters. He did not elaborate. (Reuters)

### Africa

#### Relief plane and crew released:

Authorities have released a UN relief plane, its crew and passengers nearly three weeks after they were detained following an unauthorized emergency landing in northeastern Uganda, officials said on Tuesday.

Army commander Salim Saleh said the twin-engine C119 Fairchild, its two American pilots, two British passengers and three Kenyan porters were released on Friday but did not immediately leave due to a three-day public holiday. (AP)

**Blockade imposed by Azerbaijan on Armenia:** was easing, but fuel supplies were still not getting through.

Armenian parliamentarians said many regions were still suffering from lack of food and fuel in the southern republic and they disputed the improvements claimed by the government.

A spokesman for the Moscow-appointed body administering Nagorno-Karabakh since the beginning of the year said on Sunday that the situation in the region had deteriorated seriously and shots were being exchanged constantly.

## Arms found on helicopter flying supplies to Nagorno-Karabakh

MOSCOW, Oct 10, (Reuters): Large amounts of arms and ammunition were found hidden in a helicopter chartered by Armenians to send vital supplies to the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, according to the KGB.

The discovery of the weapons last Friday, disclosed to Tass news agency by the KGB security police yesterday, is certain to exacerbate tension in the territory claimed by two neighbouring southern republics, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Reports from the area at the weekend said people were being killed every day in Nagorno-

Karabakh by Armenian and Azerbaijani gunmen attacking each other's villages. More than 100 people have been killed in clashes over the territory in the past 19 months.

The KGB said the Mi-26 helicopter was chartered by the Armenian organisation Mercy to fly flour and technical equipment to the enclave, populated mainly by Armenians but under Azerbaijan's jurisdiction for more than 60 years.

Soldiers unloading flour from the helicopter found hunting rifles, 52 home-made grenades, more than 150 detonators and fuses and several

hundred rounds of ammunition. "G. Malterev, captain of the crew, said neither he nor any members of the crew knew anything about the weapons," Tass said.

"Following the discovery of the weapons aboard the aircraft, checks have been stepped up at airports and all landing areas in (Armenia)," it said.

Road and rail links to the territory have been blocked from the Azerbaijani side for several months. Some areas have had to rely on military planes for food.

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# Baker bid to break peace stalemate

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 10, (Reuters): US Secretary of State James Baker has invited the Israeli and Egyptian foreign ministers to Washington in an attempt to break a Middle East peace stalemate, Israeli officials said today.

But Israel has complicated US mediation efforts by demanding a veto over Palestinian representatives to peace talks, Western diplomats and Israeli sources said.

Baker proposed a three-way meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and Egyptian counterpart Hosni Mubarak in telephone calls after Israeli leaders last Friday rejected Egypt's invitation to meet a Palestinian delegation in Cairo.

"The problem is that Israel wants to choose both teams on the football field," a diplomat following the exchanges said.

The sources said the Israeli stance could hamper Baker's effort since Egypt, co-ordinating its actions with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), could not accept an Israeli veto.

Western diplomats in Cairo said today that Washington had asked Egypt to persuade the PLO to accept the exclusion of Palestinians from outside the Israeli-occupied territories in such a delegation.

Neither the PLO nor Egypt was likely to accept Washington's request, the diplomats said.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman told reporters: "One of our basic principles is that Israel will not agree to any move that will bring direct or indirect contact with the PLO."

He said this did not amount to a demand for a right of veto but added: "The principle we stick to is that the PLO will be totally out of the picture."

Sources close to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said while he welcomed greater US involvement, he had misgivings about the wording of Baker's proposals, presented orally, because they did not ensure a clear-cut Israeli veto power.

Diplomats said Washington was reluctant to offer any formula in writing because it would mean taking sides on key issues.

Other officials said Israel was also determined that the agenda for a meeting with Palestinians be restricted to agreeing details of the conduct of elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where an uprising has just entered its 23rd month.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whose Labour Party forced last Friday's snap elections, vote on the Egyptian invitation, dismissed talk of a deadlock and

## Intifada enters 23rd month

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 10, (Agencies): In the occupied territories today, Palestinians observed the fifth and final day of a general strike called to protest at increased Israeli action against the uprising.

Palestinians reported that an Arab accused of collaborating with Israeli secret police killed a 15-year-old masked Palestinian activist last night.

Saeed Ayesh was killed after youths burning a roadblock outside the Fawwar refugee camp in the West Bank stoned Arab cars being driven in violation of the strike.

The Palestinians said Ismail Asfour, a village headman, fired an Israeli-issued machinegun, killing the boy. The army said only that an Arab from Fawwar was killed by "a local resident."

The uprising entered its 23rd month in bloodshed, with troops killing two Palestinians and Arab militants injuring four Israeli soldiers yesterday.

Troops in the West Bank city of Nablus shot dead one of a group of masked Palestinians, some armed with swords, who were encouraging residents to demonstrate, an army spokeswoman said.

A second man in the group was wounded in the leg, she said.

Troops also shot dead a Palestinian taking part in a protest march near An Najah University in Nablus, she said.

In the Gaza Strip, troops clashed with protesters in several villages and Palestinian refugee camps.

Residents said at least nine Arab protesters were wounded by army fire and the army spokeswoman said a soldier was wounded in the head by Palestinian stone-throwers.

The Israeli army reopened the Gaza Strip today, 56 hours after closing it for Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement.

An army spokeswoman said troops reopened Gaza at 4 am (0200 GMT) as scheduled, allowing Palestinian workers to enter Israel.

But only a small number of Arabs left the strip in defiance of a general strike call by underground leaders of the Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule.

Four Palestinians were killed and at least 77 others injured during clashes over the past 24 hours with Israeli occupation forces as Palestinian camps in south Lebanon today observed a general strike.

Radio Israel, monitored in Kuwait, today reported that troops shot dead two Palestinians in the occupied West Bank's city of Nablus during clashes with local demonstrators yesterday.

In Tulkarem refugee camp, it said a child was fatally shot in the head during fierce confrontations between local inhabitants and occupation troops which used bullets and teargas, causing injury to at least five people.

Pro-Israeli fighters of Hezbollah, or Party of God, fought a seven-hour battle with Israeli-allied militiamen in the southern village of Kfar Houneh, police said today.

A police spokesman said Karim Farhat, a ranking official of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army, was killed in the overnight clash.

## Libya gets missile parts

MUNICH, Oct 10, (AP): A West German company has received an unspecified fine for selling equipment to Libya that could be used to build missiles, a prosecutor said yesterday.

The firm, Munich-based Globe-Sat, has appealed the "large" fine, which followed a ruling months ago that its shipments of valve control parts to Libya violated export laws, said Munich chief state prosecutor Heinz Stocker.

He declined to specify how

much Globe-Sat was fined. No date has been set for the appeal hearing, he said.

Stocker was originally asked about a report in the British weekly Sunday Correspondent that some 100 West German engineers are helping Libya build a missile with a range of 300 to 450 miles (480 to 720 kilometres) in a camp some 60 miles (100 km) from the Saharan Oasis of Sabha.

The missile would also be able to carry chemical warheads, the

newspaper said on Sunday. Stocker told the Associated Press the possibility of illegal German involvement has been under investigation since last spring.

The Sunday Correspondent said Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi ultimately wants to develop a missile with a range of 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometres) that would allow him to threaten Israel.

Several export scandals have

rocked West Germany during the past year.

Involvement of West German firms in a Libyan chemical plant seriously embarrassed the government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl early this year when charges surfaced in the United States that the plant was meant to produce chemical arms.

Libya claims the Rabta plant, located 60 miles (96 kilometres) south of Tripoli, is intended to make pharmaceutical products.



King Hussein (left) talks with Andreotti at Villa Madama guest house in Rome. (Reuters wirephoto)

## King holds talks in Italy Hussein backs Cairo plan

ROME, Oct 10, (Agencies): Jordan's King Hussein voiced support yesterday for Egypt's efforts to bring Israel and Palestinians together to discuss the Middle East peace process.

The King, who stopped in Italy on his way to Canada, gave a "very positive evaluation" of Egyptian President Mubarak's proposals during talks with Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, Italian officials said.

Hussein told Andreotti he had been in contact with Mubarak before leaving Jordan, the officials said.

Mubarak has offered to host talks between Israel and Palestinians backed by the PLO to implement a plan by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for elections leading to Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories.

Mubarak has laid out 10 points to bridge the gaps between the two sides. A split Israeli cabinet rejected Mubarak's proposals last Friday.

After Israel's rejection, US Secretary of State

James Baker spoke by telephone with the Egyptian and Israeli foreign ministers in a bid to keep Mubarak's proposals alive.

Hussein told Italy, which supports Mubarak's proposals, that the international community believed there could be no Middle East solution without direct Palestinian participation in talks.

He told Andreotti the PLO, which Israel regards as a terrorist organisation, had gone as far as it could and it was up to Israel to end the stalemate, Italian officials said.

The King said that irreversible improvements in East-West relations would eventually produce results in the Middle East.

Andreotti and King Hussein also discussed the situation in Lebanon and the truce in the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq.

After a five-day visit to Canada, the King is expected to stop in London on his way home to meet British leaders and lecture on the Middle East at Oxford University.

## Iraq on the way up again

VIENNA, Oct 10, (Kuna): Tribute has been paid to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's economic and administrative reform programmes which by "allowing greater democracy and free enterprise" are leading the country towards a "future that promises to be peaceful and prosperous."

A short study done on Iraq by the Washington-based Agri-Energy Roundtable, which began a three-day seminar here yesterday, says: "The war over, the ports of Basra and Umm Qasr and the Shatt al Arab waterway are secure and functional."

The study goes on to confirm that "oil exports through the Gulf have been revived and \$50 million worth of development projects in oil, heavy industry, power generation, water, sewerage, transport, communications, health and education, held up due to the war, are now ready to be initiated."

The report adds that "these developments, joined by foreign governments, point once again to a promising future for Iraq."

The study says "it is widely recognised that Iraq's present problems do not reflect poverty, inefficiency or the inability and unwillingness to make payments" on its external debt, which has led foreign private and public investors to "remain optimistic" about Iraq's future.

Noting that agriculture provides 14 per cent of the total gross national product (GNP), 30 per cent of employment and \$6 billion in terms of production value, the study adds that 50 per cent of the country's food needs still have to be imported.

The report recalls that agriculture was badly disrupted during the war, adding that Iraq is now working to increase its food production.

## Libya for normal relations with US

ABU DHABI, Oct 10, (Kuna): Libyan Foreign Minister Azouzi Attalhi was quoted as saying today that his country is willing to have normal relations with the United States based on mutual respect and equality, and without conditions set by the American side.

In an interview with "Al-Itihad" newspaper, the Libyan official said the US is the biggest power in the world and no one can ignore it.

He pointed out that tension in the US-Libyan relations has subsided during the presidency of George Bush compared with the term of his predecessor Ronald Reagan.

He attributed this to what he called the very rich political experience of President Bush which enables him to understand the others, and said Washington is no longer looking at Libya as a side that might make problems as Reagan had demonstrated.

Answering a question whether there is mediation by Arab countries to improve Libyan-American relations, the Libyan foreign minister said he cannot say if there is such a mediation.

"but certainly interest is being shown by more than one Arab side," adding that "some Arab Gulf states are interested in improving Libyan-American ties."

On Libyan-Egyptian relations, Attalhi said Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak have agreed to continue contacts on all levels during their meeting in Casablanca while attending the Arab summit conference.

He added that the two leaders had also agreed not to raise the subject of restoration of diplomatic relations between their countries at present.

The Libyan official called for making the subject of launching of medium and long range missiles by Israel as an Arab cause because it threatens all Arabs, as the development of such weapons only aims at carrying nuclear and strategic arms.

He pointed out that the messages the Libyan envoy Al-Khawalid and Hamidi is carrying to Arab leaders from Khaddafi deal with the Israeli threat posed by such experiments and aim at taking a unified Arab stance in face of such danger.

## Lebanese confess plotting to kill Aoun

NICOSIA, Oct 10, (AP): State prosecutor Rallis Gavrielides stated in court today that six Lebanese men being tried for illegal arms possession had all confessed that they had come to Cyprus to assassinate Christian Lebanese leader Gen. Michel Aoun.

He explained that an earlier charge of plotting to assassinate Aoun was dropped because under Cyprus law arms possession is a more serious charge.

It carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, while plotting to kill is punishable by up to 14 years imprisonment only.

Gavrielides said press reports claiming that the plotting charge was the more serious of the two were wrong.

Gavrielides said the accused confessed they had come to Cyprus from Lebanon in May, specially to shoot down Aoun's helicopter.

Aoun had been scheduled to transit through the island en route to Morocco to attend an Arab summit meeting on Lebanon. But he cancelled the trip.

The group was arrested between May 26 and 28 in the south coast port of Larnaca with an arms cache that included two Soviet-designed SA-7 shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles, five AK-47 assault rifles, 500 rounds of ammunition and 38 grenades.

Gavrielides said the six described Aoun in their confessions as a "traitor" or a "dragon" and as the person "responsible for Lebanon's tragedy."

Aoun's forces were fighting the Syrian army and their Druze Muslim allies in Lebanon at the time. Six months of artillery battles halted on Sept 22.

Five of the defendants also were charged with entering the east Mediterranean island illegally.

The six were identified as Imad Salman Al Khafaji, 27, a sailor; Emil Alamedine Ghazali, 27, a money changer; Tewfik Wadi Al Shaar, 27, unemployed; Idris Jamal Jaber, 27, a video-shop employee; Roustan Majib Serhan, 29, a restaurant owner and Wadid Selim Salameh, 27, a sailor.

Mubarak plans to meet Khaddafi

CAIRO, Oct 10, (AP): President Hosni Mubarak said today he planned to meet with Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi in keeping with steady improvement in bilateral relations.

The President did not say where the summit would be held.

Egyptian diplomatic sources in Tunis, capital of Tunisia, said last week they expected the meeting to take place this month at Salloum, an Egyptian outpost on the border between the two north African neighbours. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

Mubarak disclosed the summit plan in reply to a question at a meeting with military officers in the Suez canal city of Ismailia.

## Soviets in disguise firing Scuds: US

NEW YORK, Oct 10, (UPI): Soviet soldiers wearing Afghanistani army uniforms are firing Scud surface-to-surface missiles at rebels, possibly in violation of the Geneva accords, the New York Times said today.

The Times report quoted a confidential US government document that said, "All functions connected with the security, transportation, storage and launch of Scud missiles are handled by Soviet advisers."

American official said last week the presence of Soviet soldiers might violate the Geneva agreement that required the withdrawal of all Soviet troops

from Afghanistan by Feb 15. "Both the United States and Pakistan viewed the Soviet withdrawal commitment as including military and security advisers, said an American expert on the subject quoted by the Times.

The report came 10 months after the United States closed its embassy in Kabul amid fears of a breakdown in law and order as the rebel forces marched on the capital.

The rebels have made little progress in that time and officials blamed the problem of splits among the rebel forces and a cut in aid by the United States.

Senator Clairborne Pell,

Democrat-Rhode Island, the foreign relations committee chairman who visited Pakistan in August, said the Bush administration claimed it wanted a political settlement but had "placed too much emphasis on achieving an elusive military victory and too little on finding a political formula to end the fighting."

Administration officials said the government of Afghanistan was receiving \$250 million to \$300 million a month from the Soviet Union and since February at least 3,800 aircraft carrying food, fuel, weapons and ammunition had arrived in the country.

## 'Summary killings in Somalia'

LONDON, Oct 10, (Reuters): Amnesty International called today for the Somali government to put on trial the alleged killers of 46 political prisoners reported to have been shot following demonstrations in Mogadishu in July.

It said in a report that the alleged killings occurred 41 days after an Amnesty delegation left Somalia following its first visit in 20 years, during which it received assurances that the government would co-operate to protect human rights.

The government has denied accusations that large numbers of people were killed after being detained in the demonstrations against earlier arrests.

Amnesty said: "At least 46 people, nearly all of them members of the Issaq clan, were reportedly summarily executed by soldiers on a beach near Jazira."

It added: "There are fears for the safety of some 50 people whose families have not been able to establish their whereabouts since they were taken into custody."

Barre declared an amnesty for political prisoners in January 1989 but Amnesty said many political detainees from previous years were still being held.

## Expulsion of Hamedani criticised

NICOSIA, Oct 10, (Reuters): An Iranian newspaper criticised Turkey today for deporting a Muslim preacher and said Tehran should not trust Ankara's secular government.

"This gesture by the Turkish government is not its first anti-Islamic, anti-Iranian gesture, nor is it the least likely to be its last," the Iranian news agency Iran quoted the daily Jomhuri Eslami as saying.

"What ranks more important than that is for the Islamic Republic (of Iran) to watch her northwestern neighbour more vigilantly and remember that the secular regime in Turkey... is not to be trusted."

Hojatollah Sabei Hamedani, prayer leader of an Iranian mosque in Istanbul, was put on a bus by Turkish security forces on Friday.

Irna, said Ankara made Hamedani suffer a long journey despite an Iranian request that the "old and feeble" preacher be sent home by plane instead.

Hamedani, an Iranian citizen, said the Turkish authorities feared the spread of teachings of Iran's late spiritual leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, among young Turks.

Iran's revolutionary leaders have maintained good relations with pro-Western Turkey, but ties have been troubled by friction between Tehran's theocratic system and Ankara's secularism.



Hamedani

Jomhuri Eslami, a frequent critic of Iran's close relations with pro-Western countries in the region, said Hamedani's deportation could be linked to political infighting ahead of the Turkish presidential elections this month.

But it added: "Perhaps it would be wiser to say that those who share the power in Turkey work for one and the same purpose, that is fulfillment of US policies."

## Cairo's coffee houses become back-street talk shops for Arabs to thrash out strategy

CAIRO, Oct 10, (Reuters): Cairo's dimly-lit coffee houses have become back-street talk shops where Arabs from the Israeli-ruled territories meet the PLO to thrash out strategy to achieve Palestinian statehood.

"We have learned how Israelis think," one leader from the occupied West Bank said today.

"That is why it is very important for us to relay this to our representatives (abroad) so we can co-ordinate

policies."

The coffee shop conferences are a world apart from the table-top talks which frequently characterise efforts at Middle East diplomacy in government ministries or plush hotels.

But the debate, which often goes on until dawn, is every bit as lively.

The visitors — from the territories or from Tunis where the PLO has its headquarters — change hotels frequently for security reasons and seldom say

openly where they can be found.

Egypt has been trying to persuade Israel to accept an invitation to the first direct Palestinian-Israeli talks.

Israeli officials said today US Secretary of State James Baker has invited the Israeli and Egyptian foreign ministers to Washington to break the Middle East stalemate.

Egyptian officials have refused to comment on the proposed three-way meeting following Israel's rejection last

Friday of the Egyptian offer to host Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Ten years after its peace treaty with Israel prompted an Arab boycott, Egypt has re-emerged at the forefront of international attempts to solve the Palestinian issue.

The only Arab state to make peace with Israel, Egypt is closely allied to the United States and enjoys warm links with Yasser Arafat's PLO.

Arafat is a frequent visitor, and has a

number of relatives living permanently here.

Didn't the pressure of an Israeli embassy deter Palestinians from using Egypt as a meeting place?

"We feel at home in Egypt," said one Palestinian lawyer from Gaza. "It has a shooting effect on US. The Egyptian authorities are very understanding and bend over backwards to help."

The rapprochement between Egypt and the Palestinians living in the Israeli-

ruled territories dates back to the start of the intifada (uprising) against Israeli rule in December 1987.

The Egyptian embassy in Tel Aviv played a key role in helping Palestinians get permission to leave the occupied territories to visit Egypt.

"I think the Israelis are prepared to turn a blind eye (to the Palestinians' presence in Cairo) every now and then, if only for the sake of their international image," said one visitor.

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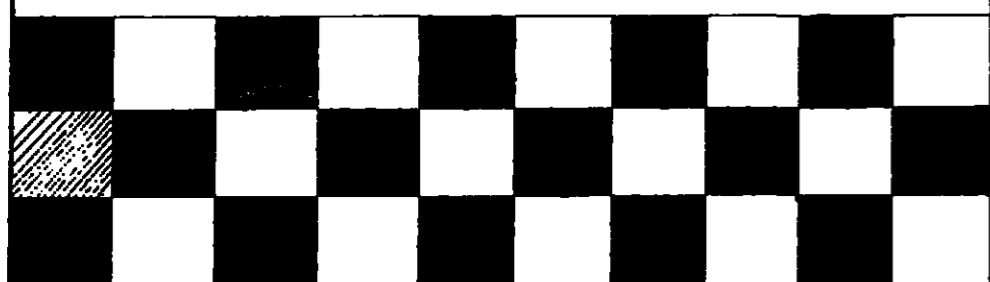
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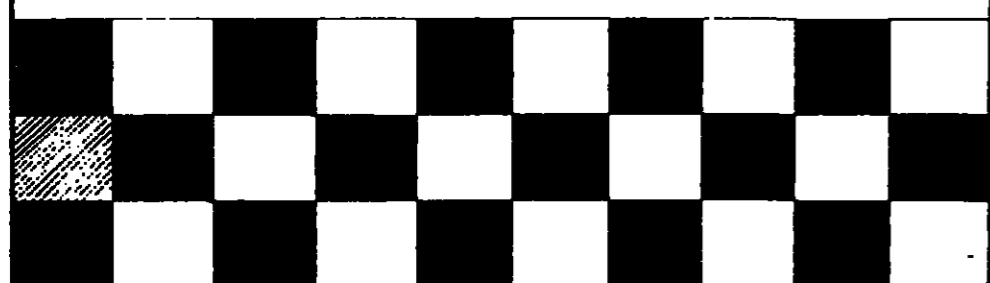
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## People warned against issuing dud cheques

### Commercial trust being undermined

MAJOR Musaed Abdul Latif Al Farhood, director of the Forgery and Fraud Department at the Kuwait Criminal Intelligence Department has warned people not to issue dud cheques, because it undermines commercial trust.

He told a local newspaper that the dud cheques issue has shaken confidence in the cheque proper, as a commercial means to settling debts or owed payments. Despite the fact that the related punishment is a five-to-seven-year imprisonment term and a fine of KD 500-700 especially in repeat cases there are however, those who still

issue dud cheques, Farhood said.

He added that the department statistical report shows that the number of dud cheques cases in 1987 was 259, which increased to 300 last year, the reason being the deterioration of the economic situation in the country and the situation of the securities market which resulted in the failure of dealers to settle their financial obligations. This conversely has undermined commercial trust among businessmen, he said.

Farhood ascribed the distinct growth of crimes involving dud cheques in the Man-

akh aftermath to the negative repercussions of this crisis which forced dealers to resort to cheques for settlement of payments owed for commercial transactions, and consequently this led to the escalation of the dud-cheque problem.

He said that the department exerted tremendous efforts in curbing the issue of dud cheques, and that inventories were prepared of the names of people who frequently committed this crime as an unlawful means to make money and swindle their victims out of their money. These lists will be furnished to local banks in order

that current accounts may not be provided to these people nor cheque books issued in their names, in the future.

He said that other crimes involving cheques include the forgery of the issuer's signature, changing the beneficiary's name, tampering with the established value of the cheque and others.

Farhood urged all dealers to be careful with their clients and avoid accepting cheques for payments from those with shaky commercial reputations in order not to end up victims to fraud, particularly those with past records in this field.

### Increase in co-op rents will reflect on prices

HEAD of the Consumer Co-operative Societies Union, Ali Salem Abu Hadeeda talked about the Ministry of Finance decision to increase rents and the impact of this decision on the Co-operative movement in addition to other aspects.

The official said that the rental value applied on co-ops has increased without the knowledge of the union. He added that the issue was discussed with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour through the union board of directors. A meeting was held with the assistant undersecretary for Co-op Affairs at the ministry and a committee was formed to study the rate of rental increase. He stressed that meetings and discussions are currently continuing on the issue and expressed hope that they will achieve good results.

Hadeeda indicated that the decision of the Ministry of Finance represents government policy adding that the decision will affect consumers and share holders due to the fact that rental values reflect on the price of services and commodities.

#### Authority

Hadeeda rejected rhetoric that the union has no authority over co-op affairs stating that the union is still in control under laws which compel co-ops adhere with all decisions issued by it. He stressed that the union did not play any role in increasing the prices of consumer commodities and that merchants and wholesalers are the real force behind this increase in prices. He indicated that the union has specific policies and restrictions in relation to supporting requests increase prices.

Hadeeda added that the government has promised the union another building which will be more adequate to face the development of the co-operative movement in the country. He said that the new proposed building includes training halls, library, a club and meeting halls. Kuwait Municipality has requested the union to provide them with the proposed plan for the new building adding that this matter requires time and a special budget.

He indicated that the total sales of co-ops has increased in value in 1988 compared to 1987 adding that the value of sales for 1988 reached KD213 million.

#### Joint committee

KUWAIT, Oct 10, (Kuna): The Arab World Institute in Paris has appointed a number of Arab intellectuals within an Arab-French joint committee to direct the institute's administration.

The committee, which is due to hold its first meeting next January in the institute headquarters in the French capital, will discuss best ways the institute could hold various cultural, educational, artistic and heritage activities.

## Australian sheep free of disease: Khazam

23.5kg annual per capita consumption in Kuwait

CHAIRMAN and Managing Director of the Livestock Transport and Trading Company, Faisal Al Khazam stressed that strict health measures are taken to ensure that imported Australian sheep are free of all diseases and fit for human consumption. He said that his company, which has been involved in importing and distributing live Australian sheep to the rest of the countries in the region since 1973, never encountered any rejection of live Australian sheep. In a letter he sent to the editor-in-chief of Arab Times commenting on recent press reports on the issue of live Australian sheep, Khazam said that there are agreements between the veterinary authorities of the importing countries and those of Australia. These agreements include preconditions for imports.

Khazam said that on buying live sheep from Australian suppliers, they are duly examined by government veterinary doctors and the necessary medical certificates are issued. In addition, the sheep are then left for 10 days in Australia, under continuous supervision by the Livestock Company veterinary doctors and technicians, to doubly ensure that they are disease-free. He added that while the sheep are loaded in the company's ships, they are further examined. The company ships transporting the live sheep can approach Australian ports only after they are examined and certified hygienic. Technicians visit the ship while still out at sea and examine it and later when the ship arrives at the port, further checks are instituted.

#### Testing

After the sheep are loaded and the ship sails back to Kuwait, the company keeps continuous contact with the ship. On arrival at Shuwaikh port, the veterinary authorities of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, check the sheep on board the ship and take several samples of live sheep for laboratory testing. This authority has the right to accept or reject the sheep. The official said that after allowing the sheep to be unloaded, they are kept in the port quarantine where they are vaccinated against sheep pox disease which is indigenous to Kuwait and not Australia in a bid to protect the sheep. In the quarantines, the sheep remain under strict supervision by the veterinary authorities and continue to remain so when they are shifted to the company's farm. Khazam said that for example, the company keeps its import of live cows in quarantine for 21 days during which they are vaccinated against a number of diseases well-known in Kuwait.

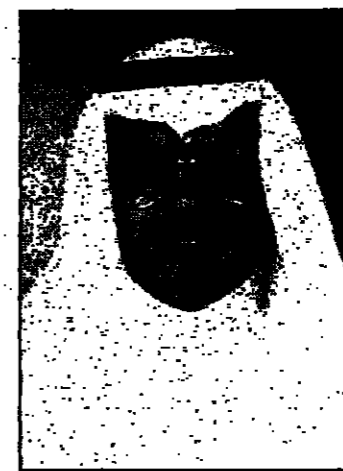
Thus, Khazam emphasised, the cows are vaccinated purely as an added health measure.

The chairman of the major livestock importing company in Kuwait said the Gulf added that later the sheep are taken to the central slaughter house and before being marketed or distributed to the company outlets or other shops, they are again examined by veterinary doctors from Kuwait Municipality. Thus, Khazam said, its clear that continuous monitoring is undertaken on the live Australian sheep before they are allowed to reach consumers. These include Australian veterinary authorities, the company's veterinary and technical department, Kuwait's agricultural authority's veterinary authorities, Kuwait Municipality veterinary doctors and the veterinary laboratory of the Agricultural Authority. It is clear from all these measures taken that the company has no role in accepting or refusing live Australian sheep and has no authority to destroy or allow its sales.

#### Rejection

Khazam said that comments in the local press about diseased sheep contained wrong information. He said that among these is the fact that Australian sheep are sold in accordance with the theory of supply and demand. For instance, prices of meat in Kuwait are the cheapest in the Arab world and even in the whole world, mainly because of the company's commitment to provide this vital commodity at reasonable prices. Khazam said that the articles in the local press gave the impression that Kuwait was the only country that accepts live Australian sheep while all other Gulf states reject them. "This is untrue" as no shipment of live Australian sheep was rejected for health reasons by Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, and UAE's Fujairah, Ras Al Khaima and Dubai, with the exception of Abu Dhabi, which also did not reject any shipment from the company.

Concerning the rejection of both Jordan and Egypt of 10,000 heads of Australian sheep, even in the form of a gift, the company has no relation with this shipment and thus there are no comments available from the company. Khazam said that concerning the infection of the Australian sheep with diseases like blue tongue, brucellosis and sheep pox, the company has the most effective answer for it, "but we prefer to leave this answer to the concerned veterinary authorities, who are well aware of the fact that Australia is comparatively free of these diseases when compared itself." To confirm this, readers are advised to read the annual report on animal



Faisal Al Khazam

health of 1988, which was jointly prepared by the International Organisations of FAO, WHO and International Office for Epizootics in Paris.

Khazam reiterated that Australia is free of these and even other diseases. They do not exist in areas where the company sheep originate. He said that this is not said only by the Australian authorities or our company, but the International Office for Epizootics can confirm this. Khazam said that he believes that if the concerned authorities have any doubt of the presence of such diseases, they wouldn't hesitate in asking for the assistance of the FAO or WHO, both UN organisations. Moreover, if any one who has any doubt in the capability of the veterinary laboratories here, can also seek the assistance of international laboratories. In addition, blue tongue and sheep pox, does not affect humans.

Khazam added that concerning the comments published on the TV interview with him last month, he had explained many issues relating to the issue of Australian sheep and the company's activities. He said that he had supposed good intention on the part of others but added that he would like to throw more light on some issues.

#### Colour

Khazam said that in relation to the type and colour of meat, there are several factors that influence this including breed, age, nutrition and even treatment. He said that firstly, there are breeds of sheep like the various species of Arabian sheep, which have less amounts of fat and these are preferred by Arab consumers. While, the European species including the Australian (usually with tails) have more fat in their bodies. Arabian sheep store their fat in their "fat tails". The second factor is age and as the sheep become older, its meat becomes more red in colour and consumers about it. Thus we shouldn't compare a young

Arabian sheep with an old Australian one or vice versa. We have to take into account all factors. The third factor, Khazam said, is the type of nutrition whether its natural or dry feeders. This affects the type, taste and colour of meat in accordance with the type of food.

The official said that concerning treatment, the style differs between Europe, Australia and New Zealand on one side and the Arab world on the other. In those countries they adopt the "open area" style, where sheep are kept in huge areas for natural grazing, where they have to walk for long distances to obtain their food. This affects their blood circulation. In most cases, such sheep are not domestic and run away when they see humans. All these factors make blood circulation more active, making the meat colour more red.

Another factor concerning this issue is transportation. During this process the sheep become exhausted and this exhaustion more activates the blood circulation and thus affects the meat colour. It also results in weakness which prevents complete exit of blood on slaughter. Exhaustion also leads to loss in the sheep's appetite, it takes less food, becomes weaker and its meat colour changes. Khazam said that this is a well-known psychological state among animals. He said that if the sheep do not rest for a sufficient period before slaughter and is allowed to bleed to get rid of all blood, and in addition if it is not kept for a sufficient period in the refrigerator after slaughter, its meat becomes dark red in colour.

This applies to both Arab and Australian sheep. If the slaughtered sheep dries out in the refrigerator, the meat colour will become blackish. Khazam added that the major part of this problem will be solved with the construction of the new slaughter house with new equipment.

Khazam denied that Australian sheep are fed with chemicals or injected with hormones to speed up the growth of its wool. He said that the company heard of this long ago. It inquired about it from Australian and non-Australian sides and later sent a team to visit the sheep in their habitat. Khazam stressed that we found nothing. Moreover, the same Australian meat is exported to Europe and USA and these countries are also careful to ensure that their meat imports are chemical and hormone free.

Commenting on some reports about the TV interview on the average consumption of meat in Kuwait, Khazam said that the per capita consumption of fresh sheep meat in Kuwait is 23.5 kg a year or about one sheep.

### Computers and law

## Conference to be held November 4-7

THE Law College at Kuwait University will hold the first Kuwait conference for Law and Computer under the patronage of HH the Crown Prince. The conference is due to take place between Nov 4-7, 1989 at the Sheraton Hotel.

The head of the conference committee, and assistant dean of the Law College, Tema Al Shemiri stated that a number of researchers from America and France will take part in the conference which is considered the first of its kind in the Arab world. He indicated that the conference will view several new proposals on the legal protection of computer programmes and the dangers which may be imposed by the leakage of these programmes.

He said that the conference aims at attracting the attention of Arab researchers towards the issue of law studies linked with

computers. It also aims at exchanging expertise among Arab and foreign researchers. He said that the organising committee welcomes everyone who is concerned with the topic of computers and related law studies. He stressed that the last day for applicants to participate in the conference is Oct 25, 1989.

Meanwhile, the Kuwait University Community Service Centre started its programmes and courses Oct 8, 1989. More than 2500 students attended lessons at course halls in which a brief picture was given on courses and skills that students will learn through programmes. Instructors at the centres accompanied students towards the student library where they bought their books with specially lowered prices. The centre will present a large number of courses on different subjects. The largest number of students have opted to undergo English tutorials.

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# Kuwait-Bahrain cable project under review

## 500 telephones being monitored

UNDERSECRETARY of the Ministry of Communications, Abdul Aziz Ayoub left Kuwait for Manama to attend a meeting organised by the Guidance Committee on the Marine Cable Project between Bahrain and Kuwait. Ayoub stated that he will head the two-day meeting which will review project preparations.

He explained that the marine cable between Kuwait and Bahrain is intended to facilitate telephone exchanges and television programmes between the two countries.

tries. The project will also benefit neighbouring countries and will extend services to the world in general by facilitating these services from Europe to Kuwait and the Gulf areas.

**Services**

Studies conducted on the project proved that it is a feasible and vital project for the area, Ayoub added.

On the other hand, the Assistant Undersecretary for Subscribers Services Affairs

at the ministry, Khaled Al Houti stressed that the administration policy lays more emphasis on simplifying telephone services. He stated that to achieve this objective, the administration aimed at finishing all subscriber petitions within the fastest time possible and at one centre similar to the one established in Salmiya. The administration is currently working towards completing the establishment of Hawalli and Shuwaikh centres.

Interviewed by a local daily, he stated

that the ministry intends to generalise the service of long-distance calls through the new magnetic card project at different areas in Kuwait.

On telephone call monitoring, Houti stated that more than 500 telephones are constantly monitored every month, adding that 75 per cent of harassment calls are detected on these phones.

He indicated that the Ministry of Communications has a total of 5200 Kuwaiti employees.

# Petrochemical complex still an idea: Nouri

## EEC-GCC talks Oct 18

Abdullah Abdullah Al Nouri, the chairman of Kuwait Petrochemicals Industries Company (PIC) was quoted as saying that the petrochemicals industry in Kuwait lacked clarity in comparison to other components on the local industrial sector in general.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said despite the existence of the relevant ministry and enactment of the pertinent law, the importance of the industry mostly could not be perceived and the resolutions concerning the industrial issues were not implemented in the same spirit that they were intended for.

chemical industries owned by Kuwait Petroleum Corporation is better, as the industry fell within the oil sector strategy which is well defined.

Speaking of the industrial protection method in Kuwait, the official described it as insufficient. He commented that this issue should be reviewed on a GCC level and even on the Arab level.

He warned that the industry in the Arab world will face countless problems during the next decade particularly upon the arrival of the European Economic Community (EEC) unit unless a prompt move by the Arab economic blocs such as Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) and Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) is adopted for re-organising of Arab markets.

installation, clarifying that the volume of the Arab Gulf countries output would constitute no obstacle, as it constitutes only eight per cent of world production.

**Co-ordination**

Meanwhile, Nouri lauded the role played by the GCC General Secretariat towards the dialogue with the EEC over GCC petrochemical exports. He said that a meeting is to be held between the two parties on Oct 18th. The meeting will be the first direct dialogue between the GCC and European petrochemical producers.

Replying to a question over allowing of the local corporations to play its role towards marketing of chemicals against a specific brokerage, the official said that the petrochemical customers in the world were known and the brokers were too many adding that the direct marketing method was the best.

He disclosed that Kuwait had exchanged supply operations with Soviet Union in the field of petrochemicals, clarifying that Kuwait has provided India with petrochemicals on behalf of the Soviet Union. This type of operations was aiming at the saving of transportation charges, Nouri said.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Housing council**  
KUWAIT, Oct 10, (Kuna): His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah will Saturday preside over a meeting of the Higher Housing Council.

The council's Secretary-General Ibrahim Majid Al Shaheen told Kuna that the meeting would discuss the annual report prepared by the secretariat general.

The outcome of an earlier meeting, chaired by HH the Crown Prince, brought together secretaries of the council's standing committee. Drawing up of future plans for the provision of 27,000 housing units will also be discussed at Saturday's meeting.

**Sabah meets Garba**  
UNITED NATIONS, Oct 10, (Kuna): Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah met today with the president of the General Assembly Joseph Garba of Nigeria, to discuss matters before the 44th assembly.

Another scheduled meeting Thursday was with the Foreign Minister of Democratic Yemen to focus on matters of regional interest and bilateral matters.

Sheikh Sabah will meet tomorrow with Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

**Libyan chief**  
KUWAIT, Oct 10, (Kuna): Deputy Chief of Staff Major-General Jaber Al Khaled Al Sabah today received at his office Libyan Chief of Staff Faraj Al Hudhairi and his accompanying delegation.

During the meeting the two sides tackled bilateral relations.

**Education council**  
KUWAIT, Oct 10, (Kuna): Secretary-General of the Higher Council for Education Dr Ibrahim Al Khleifi today said that the council in its first meeting last Saturday discussed a report tabled by Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri on philosophy, goals and various aspects of education.

Khleifi told Kuna that the minister's report tackled 13 main subjects on all aspects of the educational process that were extensively debated by members.

Education Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khandan also explained to the council members procedural steps to execute the ministry's new system of administration, Khleifi said.

**Co-op delegation**  
KUWAIT, Oct 10, (Kuna): Kuwaiti delegation representing the Consumer Co-operatives Union returned after a visit to the Soviet Union where they toured the Soviet co-operatives.

During their two-week visit the Kuwaiti delegation held talks with Soviet Co-operatives Central Union officials on strengthening bilateral ties in the field of co-operative movement, a statement issued today by the Kuwaiti Co-operatives Union said.

The delegation, headed by the union chairman Saoud Al Azmy, grouped head of the financial committee Fadel Al Mutawa and executive committee member Taleg Al Haithim.

**Agency seminar**  
TUNIS, Oct 10, (Kuna): The fifth Arab-European seminar for heads of news agencies will begin here next Tuesday.

Agenda of the two-day seminar includes ways of exchanging news between European and Arab countries, reports concerning the development of Federation of Arab News Agencies (Fana), in addition to the establishment of a European centre for news distribution to Arab countries.

Discussions will also tackle ways of co-operation in the fields of photography, exchanging visits between news agencies, training courses, in addition to other various topics.

**Chinese envoy**  
KUWAIT, Oct 10, (Kuna): Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazidi received today at his office the Chinese ambassador to Kuwait.

Mazidi and the Chinese ambassador discussed bilateral relations and ways of developing them in the fields of sea transportation, commercial ports affairs and civil aviation.



**Libyan message for Amir**  
HH the Amir received yesterday at 10:00 am member of the Libyan Revolutionary Command Council Al Khuwaidi Al Humaidi, who handed the Amir a message from Libyan leader Col. Muammer Gaddafi. The meeting was attended by Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah and Libya's Ambassador to Kuwait.

## Public suggestions welcome

# 50pc employees at PACI are nationals

THE director general of the Public Authority for Civil Information Faisal Al Shaiji has said that 50 per cent of the total staff at the authority are Kuwaitis.

"We told a local daily that the authority is a vital public facility and a national information bank which provided services to government and non-governmental institutions, besides individuals. Consequently, the Kuwaitisation of staff formed the core of its operational policy."

The Kuwaiti employee at the authority performs the tasks assigned to him with marked competence and constantly-increasing zeal, reflecting a high-level of responsibility; a quality that is clearly noticeable by the visitors to the authority, Shaiji said.

He pointed out that the alleged task-dodging phenomenon could exist in certain areas and the reason was not the employee himself, but rather the apparatus which the employee operated. The employee might not find the opportunity to work and be productive due to the number of obstacles and red-tape hampering his active progress which would stifle in him the drive to work and produce.

**Skills**

He added that this scene did not exist in the authority, as each staff member was assigned to a set of duties that are commensurate with their skills and qualifications.

The authority organised an annual training

programme for its new Kuwaiti employees, to prequalify them for the various tasks and duties. Additionally, a number of courses in different other areas such as administration, English language, finance and supervision were also provided.

The authority also offered specialised courses in computers, and provided training to personnel intended to be instructors on future training courses. The authority delegated new employees to attend symposia aimed at orienting them in to the various fields of operation and services offered by the authority.

### Rewards

Staff with outstanding functional performance would be rewarded to further encourage to excel and do better in their jobs. The authority invited staff views on ways to uplift service level and potential development. Those whose ideas were accepted and approved for application would also be offered rewards for their contribution to improving working policies.

He lauded the co-operation existing between the authority and public media in raising public awareness, including the press, which helped to further introduce and acquaint the public with the services offered by the authority. He urged all clients to contribute thoughts and ideas on how to perfect the existing service level, sidestep negativities and overcome existing loopholes in the authority's various service systems.

# No toxic leak in Gulf, say officials

ABU DHABI, Oct 10, (AP): Health officials in the United Arab Emirates said today that drums of a toxic chemical floating in the southern Gulf had not leaked any of their contents.

Dr A. Abdul-Qadir, director of the Abu Dhabi Food Laboratory, said environmentalists were constantly monitoring Gulf waters and "have found no trace of pollution from that substance, or any threat to marine life."

A total of 2,100 barrels of inflammable vinyl acetate monomer, used in the manufacture of air conditioners, were reported to have been aboard the UAE-registered freighter Ajman Glory.

The vessel sank between Ajman and Umm Al Quwain shortly after entering the Gulf from the Strait of Hormuz three weeks ago.

Some of the drums went loose, with about a dozen hitting the southern UAE coast and another dozen washing ashore on the coast of Oman's Khasab region, at the point where the Gulf meets with the Arabian Sea. Khasab is in the Musandam Peninsula, a province of Oman separated from the rest of the sultanate by part of the UAE.

**Salvage**

Abdul Qadir said efforts were also being made to salvage the wreckage of the sunken vessel to assess how many of the barrels were still stacked in it and how many broke loose.

Environmentalists further up the Gulf have been assuring inhabitants that the currents were pushing the floating drums southward. In the south, there have been warnings to the public and to fishermen not to touch or tamper with the barrels.

The destination of the Ajman Glory was not known but air conditioners are commonplace in the oil-rich countries of the hot, desert region.

Environment officials in Oman flew yesterday to the Musandam Peninsula to liaise with military and police officers in the search for more drums that could be floating off the coast. Air force helicopters and navy patrols are engaged in the search.

A spokesman for Oman's Environment Ministry said Sunday the drums were believed to have come from the Ajman Glory, and said "we expect many, many more."

## Haraj brokers fee not more than fifty dinars

THE Director of Commercial Licences at Kuwait's Ministry of Commerce and Industry Yaqub Al Nasrallah has warned brokers at the Haraj (second hand cars market) against violating the ministerial decision issued recently in respect of brokerage fees.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that those who violate the decision will be subject to legal proceedings and repeaters will have their licences revoked.

He added that the pertinent decision had been designed to organise payment of brokerage fees for selling cars on behalf of clients.

Brokers will be entitled to KD10 on sale of a car upto KD500, KD20 if the car's value ranged between KD500 - KD1000, KD30 if the car's value was between KD1,000 to KD2,000, KD40 if the value was between KD2,000 to KD3,000 and KD50 if the value was more than KD3,000.



**Osaimi receives credentials**  
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi Tuesday received copy of credentials of the newly appointed ambassadors of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Hussain Sadeki and the ambassador of Sweden Angolf Kesselroff to Kuwait. This was attended by deputy foreign undersecretary Faisal Al Mutawa and Director of Protocol Department Ahmed Al Ayoub. Picture shows Saoud Al Osaimi with Ambassador Sadeki and other officials.

## 4 arrested for forged bank cards

DETECTIVES of Sulaibiyah area had caught a gang of four Arab citizens on a charge of stealing a sum of KD1500 from a branch of a local bank, the daily Al Seyassah reported.

The daily learnt the culprits were using a forged Auto-Teller Service Card (Autobank) in drawing the stolen amounts. It added that one of the gang members was working in the bank and he provided colleagues with the forged cards. The four have been referred to the authorities.

## Ship of the desert no longer welcome

MANAMA, Oct 10, (UPI): Oil wealth and Western technology have now made camels, the traditional ships of the desert, not only unnecessary but unwanted in parts of the Gulf, a United Arab Emirates newspaper reported today.

The Dubai-based Gulf news said residents on the edge of the Emirates deserts for whom camels were once essential for survival, are now angry at the beasts.

"Camels have long been a problem in the village (of Jebel Ali) but in recent months the anger of residents has been growing as raids by camel herds have continued," the daily said.

It said hungry camels were "wandering through the village every night, leaving a trail of destruction behind them."

The newspaper also reported on the plight of camels, injured in road accidents, saying that in one such case, an injured camel was slowly dying on the village green.



**Nawaf receives Schwarzkopf**  
Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday received Commander in Chief of US Central Command Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf and his accompanying delegation along with the US Ambassador to Kuwait, Nathaniel Howell.

The meeting was attended by Kuwaiti Chief of Staff Major Mazayd Abdulrahman Al Sanae and Director of Military Affairs Brigadier Bader Burusli.

The talks tackled military issues that concern the two countries.

Schwarzkopf also held talks with Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah in a meeting that was also attended by members of the board of the Kuwait Petroleum Corp., of which Sheikh Ali is chairman. Sanae hosted a dinner banquet last night in honour of Gen. Schwarzkopf.

## Private schools' performance monitored

KUWAIT, Oct 10, (Kuna): Director of Private Education Abdulla Al Mahanna today assured compliance of Arabic and foreign private schools to the ministry's regulations concerning subjects taught and qualifications of the teaching staff.

The official, in an interview with KUNA, said that the Education Ministry is supervising performance of these schools and supplies them with the necessary textbooks free of charge.

Of the 123 different private schools in Kuwait, he indicated that 81 are Arabic schools and 42 foreign

with the former applying the government curricula. Some 140,000 students are receiving education in these schools, ranging from kindergarten, primary and intermediate to secondary levels.

Each classroom in the kindergarten and primary level is set to accommodate a maximum of 36 pupils, compared to 34 in the intermediate and 32 in the secondary stage, Mahanna pointed out, adding that the Education Ministry has set a space of one square metre for every school student as a minimum for class attendance.

### Missing

TWO Kuwaiti students studying in a secondary school at Jahra Educational Area have been reported missing in mysterious circumstances since Oct 7th after the end of their school day. The father of the students contacted the school administration which asserted that the two students were present in their classroom till end of school that day.

Security personnel have mounted intensive search operations, according to a local daily.

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Applications are invited in the prescribed forms for the post of **teachers** in all subjects for Indian School Mangaf/Fahaheel from graduates/post-graduates to teach Pre-primary, Primary, Intermediate and Secondary classes. Trained teachers and those with teaching experience will be preferred. Candidates should have a good command of spoken and written English.

Prescribed forms can be had from the office of the Director, Indian School at Salmiya. The last date of issue of the form will be 21-10-1989.

HON. SECRETARY

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

YES and no are the oldest and simplest words, but they require the most thought — Pythagoras, Greek philosopher-mathematician (about 582 BC - 500 BC).

## Each bullet has its price

"HAND grenades," said Abu Darwish, brandishing three. "Soviet or American-made are \$5 each. Israeli-made are \$10 because they are much more effective."

One of thousands of small-time arms dealers in Lebanon, Abu Darwish is unperturbed by negotiations to try to end 14 years of civil war in a country where the gun too often has the last word.

Like colleagues on virtually every block of Beirut, he does not rich from his arms deals, has few qualms about them and regards his business as simply serving a market.

Between offering pistols, revolvers, rifles, grenades and submachine-guns to visitors to his office, Abu Darwish worries only about keeping a fire burning under his backyard alcohol still.

Would-be customers need merely cash and an introduction from someone he knows.

The 45-year-old father of two drives a rusting car and lives in a small house with a shell hole blown in the side.

He is well known in his neighbourhood but declines to give his real name in case of trouble with outsiders. He prefers to be known by the pseudonym Abu Darwish, which means "father of the poor."

Most people coming to Abu Darwish's office are soldiers and militiamen, dissatisfied with the weaponry issued to them, or civilians wanting to buy a gun for protection to keep at home.

But he also claims to have sold guns and grenades used in killings and hit-and-run attacks elsewhere in the city.

"I buy from anyone, Palestinians, Syrians, Israelis, Lebanese — Christian or Muslim — or abroad. And I sell to Lebanese, even Muslims, and Palestinians."

That is about his only business rule, apart from not giving any credit. He says that he feels no responsibility for the consequences after a satisfied customer leaves with a purchase.

A 17-year-old Lebanese soldier from the district walks in and says he is interested in a new pistol. Abu Darwish hands him a gleaming Spanish-made weapon priced at \$125.

The soldier, wearing a black beret and camouflage fatigues, admires it and says that he will return tomorrow with the money. Abu Darwish locks the gun in a green plastic case in a drawer.

He lists his guns, ammunition and prices with ease, pulling each item from a cupboard and placing it on the table. What he produces is largely for display, he says, his arsenal is elsewhere.

"Fabrique Nationale nine millimetre automatic pistol, made in Belgium — \$200, Smith and Wesson .38 revolver, chrome and made in America — \$500. I also have black ones for \$250."

"Star pistol, made in Spain, nine millimetre — \$150, a very good price. The seven millimetre is only \$100."

"M-16 commando rifle with folding stock, made in America — \$700, 7.62 millimetre paratrooper Kalashnikov with folding stock, made in East Germany — \$125."

"My best weapon is the Mag submachine-gun — made in Belgium or America — \$1,500, B-7 Soviet-made rocket-propelled grenade launcher — \$300, each grenade costs \$50."

Asked about bullets, Abu Darwish picks up an M-16 magazine — priced at \$5 — containing 30 for \$8. A packet of 20 rounds for an AK-47 assault rifle costs \$1.50.

"I also have some old guns which at the start of the war were very popular but now no one wants them. For instance, this Chinese-made rifle is still accurate and only costs \$50."

Asked if a six-month Syrian blockade of Lebanon's Christian enclave, lifted last month, caused a shortage of small arms, Abu Darwish says prices stayed the same as plenty were smuggled in.

"We brought them in on donkeys over the mountains," he says. "The blockade was to stop artillery shells, not these weapons." (Beirut - Reuters)

## 'Disunited we live'

A PURPORTED tape recording of Czechoslovak leader Milos Jakes addressing a closed-door meeting of Communist Party officials is providing amusement for the growing number of his critics.

The recording, which has Jakes bemoaning a lack of popular support for the hardline communist leadership, has been broadcast by the US-funded radio station Radio Free Europe several times in the past month.

Party officials would not say whether or not the tape is genuine, but many dissidents familiar with Jakes' voice believe it is an authentic recording of a meeting held in July.

"It is a real hit in the daily life of our citizens," said human rights activist Vaclav Malý.

Cassettes are in high demand in opposition circles.

The tape appears to have been produced covertly by one or more party members seeking to embarrass Jakes, who is regarded as unable to articulate an effective party strategy other than ritually denouncing opponents as anti-socialist.

"The fact that this tape exists is very important psychologically," Malý said. "It shows Jakes has no certainty that when he speaks it will remain private and that the party is not so united as we are led to believe."

Accordingly to the tape, Jakes admitted it had been a mistake to lock up the country's leading dissident, Vaclav Havel. To prosecute such a prominent figure only risked renewed international scorn and it was preferable to focus on lesser known dissidents.

Several have been imprisoned in recent weeks. Havel, whose public stature has been enhanced by continuing to speak out on behalf of civil freedoms despite the risk of imprisonment, was freed in May after serving half an eight-month sentence for his part in a tumultuous week of anti-government protests in January.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1779 — Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski is killed fighting for American independence at battle of Savannah, Georgia.

1797 — Dutch fleet is defeated by British off Camperdown, Holland.

1828 — Russians occupy Varna in war against Turkey.

1915 — British nurse Edith Cavell is executed in Brussels during World War I.

1933 — Latin American countries sign Rio de Janeiro Nonaggression Pact.

1963 — United Nations condemns repression in South Africa by 106-1 vote.

1967 — Bolivian officials say body of slain Cuban guerrilla Che Guevara has been buried in secret grave.

1968 — Reports from Calcutta, India, say cyclone that struck Bay of Bengal left one-half million people homeless.

1972 — United States places restrictions on its pilots carrying out attacks in Hanoi area after three foreign missions in North Vietnam are damaged.

1976 — Reports from China say Mao Zedong's (Mao Tse-tung's) widow and three others have been arrested.

1987 — Indian peacekeeping troops, using artillery and mortars, kill more than 120 Tamil rebels in weekend offensive on Jaffna peninsula in Sri Lanka.

1988 — Burmese troops kill 10 people in Rangoon and in central Burmese town.

## Open arms policy on test

Israel preparing for wave of Soviet immigrants

ISRAEL's open arms policy toward Jews the world over is on the verge of its biggest test in decades — the expected arrival of hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews in the next three years.

The challenge comes at a time when the nation is wrestling with high unemployment and budgetary constraints. Israel also is dogged by immigrants' complaints centering on inadequate housing and employment opportunities, and lack of attention to individual difficulties.

Because Israel views the absorption of new Jewish immigrants as economic and defensive necessities, those complaints are significant issues.

"Israel needs immigration today as air for breathing," said Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz.

But there is no guarantee of success and critics point to the continuing difficulties of Ethiopian Jews, especially those arriving in the early 1980s, in finding jobs and integrating into the society.

Israeli officials believe the new wave of immigrants will be caused in part by more restrictive US immigration policies that went into effect Oct. 1. Yet the large numbers might not materialize if Soviet Jews bear tales of troubles from friends and relatives in Israel.

The officials want to avoid stories like those told by the Adzhiashevils. The family of three, with Olga Adzhiashevili expecting her second child, arriving from Moscow nearly 18 months ago, late on the eve of Israel's 40th anniversary.

Disoriented from their trip, they were ill-prepared to choose between the several housing and absorption options awaiting them. They decided against entering one of Israel's 40 centres established specifically to help immigrants adjust.

"It was a very difficult and complicated situation," Olga Adzhiashevili said, sitting in the occupied Jerusalem apartment the family moved into about a month after their arrival. "From the first moment it was difficult to find anyone who can give you very good advice."

Like all new immigrants, the family received housing subsidies and other aid, but Adzhiashevili felt abandoned.

"My feelings were hurt that nobody wanted to help. Of course they could help, but they didn't want to," she said.

Israeli officials are working to prevent similar stories in the next wave of Soviet immigrants. Officials base their projections on the changes in

US immigration regulations and continuation of liberal Soviet emigration policies. The estimates, however, ignore the possibility that Soviet Jews unable to enter the United States will remain in the Soviet Union.

Despite the obstacles, Israeli officials believe the nation can meet the challenge.

"Nobody in this country feels there is a limit to what we can absorb," said Gad Ben-Ari, spokesman for the Jewish Agency. The large quasi-governmental agency was created before Israeli statehood and promotes immigration and development and runs the nation's 40 absorption centres.

Israel estimates \$3 billion is needed if the immigration estimates are accurate, with housing expected to take up two-thirds of the cost, according to initial plans drafted by the finance ministry.

In September, Finance Minister Shimon Peres traveled to the United States to urge American Jews to contribute \$1 billion of that amount to lessen the financial pressure on Israel.

"Of course it depends on money," said Meir Edelstein, director of the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Centre near occupied Jerusalem. "If we have money, we can build more public housing."

## Canon fodder in the Afghan war

LYING in hospital with a bullet wound in her back, Fatmah looks younger than her 15 years.

The frail brunette was on patrol with her brother near the airport in the southern Afghanistan garrison town of Khost when she was wounded.

"The government said we should join the militia and we got 3,000 Afghani (\$9) a month," she said. "We are just fighting to protect our village."

Her mother was killed earlier in Afghanistan's 11-year-old civil war.

Fatmah, who has never been to school, said she carried an AK-47 and had fired it often in the dark.

"If there is no peace, we will fight again. I will fight again, if the government tells me," she declared.

She won't.

The bullet that hit her in the back and exited through the stomach damaged her spinal cord. Fatmah is paralysed for life.

"She doesn't realise that yet," her doctor said. "It is not good for her recovery."

Mohammad Amin Ghazini, 12, is recovering from shrapnel wounds to his head in another ward of the state hospital.

He was eating breakfast when a rocket came crashing through the roof of the family home, killing his mother.

Ghazini, like many children his age, was a member of the self-defence force in his neighbourhood.

No one has any real idea how many children act as soldiers in Afghanistan, fighting either for the Soviet-backed government in Kabul or with the mujahideen guerrilla groups ranged against it.

"We have a state of emergency, obviously there is a war situation, innocent children are being killed by rocket hits," a Foreign Ministry official said.

Rockets, mainly supplied from the United States via Pakistan, are one of the main guerrilla weapons. Kabul officials say that a dozen rockets a day fall on the Afghan capital alone.

Soviet troops left Afghanistan last February but Moscow continues to provide weapons and other supplies for the Afghan government of President Najibullah.

Rebel forces, based mainly in Pakistan, believed they would topple Najibullah quickly after the Soviet withdrawal but his armed forces, backed by the militia, have proved stronger than expected.

More than a million people have been killed in Afghanistan and half a million mainly young people permanently handicapped by anti-personnel mines.

Aid workers say some men have joined the five million Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran to avoid conscription into government forces, further shrinking manpower resources and increasing the importance of the militias.

"Maybe there are children in the militias, we do not always have control over that," the Foreign Ministry official said.

Herat, capital of agriculturally rich Herat province in western Afghanistan, is a city of armed teenagers.



Thirteen-year-old Abdul Razik (left) with AK-47 stands with his brother Nasser Ahmed to keep watch over the Park Hotel in Kabul. Both brothers belonging to the Ghauri Ahmed militia group are among the thousands of teenagers fighting for Soviet-backed Kabul government. (Reuters wirephoto)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Enlightened diplomacy

SIR: Although it seems to have escaped due attention by the press, Pakistan Premier Benazir Bhutto's recent Bangladesh sojourn presented at least one particular event that can be cited as an example of enlightenment and dynamism in international relations: She visited the memorial of, and paid tributes to, those whom the Bangladeshis call martyrs of the struggle for liberation — something which the late President Zia-ul-Haq had evaded (or probably refused to do) during his visit to Bangladesh in 1984. Benazir's opponent at home issued a flurry of statements castigating her for eulogising what they alleged to be a rebellion against the central authority of Pakistan of the time.

The debate on the circumstances of the break-up of Pakistan and the establishment of Bangladesh still erupts in Pakistan press from time to time. A consensus on such issues is impossible. Moreover, the whole truth will probably never be known, one of its major reasons being the mysterious disappearance or suppression of Hamoodur Rahman commission Report.

The commission had been set up by the Pakistan government in the time of the late Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to prepare a comprehensive report on relevant affairs. However there does exist a strong cross section of opinion, even in Pakistan, that widespread resentment in then East Pakistan against the central government resulted mainly from Islamabad's own erratically inconsiderate policies leading to a situation that could admit of anything, including foreign intervention.

The opinion, inter alia, gets indirect support from the virtual extinction of Hamoodur Rahman Commission Report which, it is conjectured on good grounds, exposed the role of certain influential groups and individuals in Pakistan's traditional "power database." Benazir's opponents have apparently refused to understand or accept the realities of history. In human affairs, including politics and diplomacy, greatness lies not in clinging to or justifying the wrongs of the past, but in making an open-hearted remedial move. Benazir has apparently acted under this realisation.

At the same time, one wished Benazir could show similar enlightened dynamism in respect of the quarter million people in Bangladesh who are generally

referred to as Biharis, although not all of them originally belonged to the Indian state of Bihar. It may be recalled that following the establishment of Bangladesh in 1972, half of its million-strong non-Bengali population opted to stay back as citizens of the new-born state, and Bangladesh readily accepted them as such.

The remainder opted to be repatriated to Pakistan, and almost a quarter million out of them are still awaiting repatriation for the last 18 years in camps under the auspices of the United Nations agency. Pakistan, under its former government, recognised these people as "standard Pakistanis" in an agreement dated July 9, 1988, concluded between Islamabad and the Rabita Alam Islami based at Jeddah.

The Pakistan premier has now described this issue as very "complex and complicated." This alleged complication is certainly not due to the paucity of funds, and by now nobody takes this plea seriously. If three or four million non-citizen Afghan refugees can be accommodated indefinitely and five million rupees a day (yes, five million rupees a day) can be spent on them, there is no cogent reason why enough resources cannot be mobilised for repatriation and resettlement of a quarter million citizens.

The real consideration for every government at Islamabad during the last 18 years has been the reaction of certain extremist sections. Even while Benazir was having talks with President Ershad at Dhaka, an octogenarian-plus Sindhi leader was publicly blaring forth the threat that if any of the "Biharis" from Bangladesh set foot on the soil of Sindh, his legs will be chopped off.

One of the less comforting aspects of democracy everywhere, not excluding Pakistan, is that a political leader, especially one in power, has to pander to the dominant or activist psychoses for consideration of power game. This is what makes the stranded Pakistanis issue complex. However, to the detached observers, the issue boils down to this: Dhaka has shown magnanimity by accepting half a million non-Bengalis who opted for Bangladesh; now it is Islamabad's turn to fulfil its obligations. How Benazir, with all her pragmatic political astuteness so far, is going to handle this issue in the perspective of her difficulties at home, remains to be seen.

Dr Azimushshan Haider  
Faiha

## Passengers be alert

SIR: Many passengers have been robbed at the "check-in" counter or the J.F.K. airport.

These passengers have lost their briefcases or handbags containing passports and tickets.

Some of them had put their handbags down for a while and never saw their handbags again. While their attention was diverted, someone coolly walked off with their handbags.

Other passengers who lost their baggage were swindled by thieves who were on the look out for making easy money.

For example, either the thief approached the passenger (he intended to rob) and engaged him in an idle conversation. While the passenger was engaged in conversation with him, another accomplice made off with the passenger's handbag.

The conversation would either consist of asking directions to some place or telling the passenger that there is some dirt on his coat.

If the passenger followed the stranger's advice and put his briefcase down in order to brush off the dirt from his coat, the briefcase would do the "disappearing act" along with the "helpful" stranger.

By examining these two cases it is clear that one can be robbed either by one's own carelessness or by heading to a stranger's advice.

By following certain guidelines passengers can avoid getting robbed by wily thieves.

1. Passengers must always be alert while travelling especially if they are alone.

2. Never entrust a stranger to look after your briefcase or handbag if you have to go someplace. For the stranger cannot be held responsible for the loss of your handbag.

3. Do not leave your handbag unattended, i.e. do not tempt fate.

4. Avoid talking to strangers or listen to the advice they give you about your appearance.

5. Wear a coat and keep your passports and tickets in your inner coat pocket thus eliminating the handbag altogether.

6. Or buy a belt with a pouch which is available in the U.S. You can tie the belt to your waist and keep the important documents in the pouch.

Choose your options from the list and "have a good holiday!"

Seema Bokkasam  
Safat

## Morocco gets tough

Polisario warned

THE option of Moroccan military action into Mauritania remained a possibility Monday after Moroccan newspapers warned that Morocco is prepared to use its right of hot pursuit against bases of the Polisario rebel movement in Mauritania.

Commenting on the battle against Polisario units which came over the Mauritanian border Saturday to attack the Moroccan defensive wall in the Western Sahara, the nationalist newspaper "L'Opinion" stressed that Mauritania, part of the union of the Maghreb countries, is the "base for aggression and refuge" of Polisario forces.

"Mauritania must assume its full responsibility to prevent the utilisation of its territory by the aggression" if it hopes to preserve the Maghreb Union, the paper said, adding:

"Morocco is determined to defeat the aggression and to use all the means at its disposal to protect its territorial integrity, its rights and its achievements."

Official Moroccan sources said military action against Mauritania remained a possible option for Morocco if Nouakchott failed to regain control over the country's "no-man's-land" northern region. Mauritania's security forces, totalling about 10,000 men, are fully occupied by the conflict with Senegal to the south and have virtually abandoned the northern desert to the Polisario.

Polisario, initially with strong support from Algeria and Libya, has been fighting a desert war since 1975 against some 100,000 men of the Moroccan Army manning a security wall of sand and rock stretching some 1,500 miles around the disputed territory.

King Hassan II announced that, as a result of the Polisario attack, he has cancelled plans for a new reconciliation meeting with the Polisario leadership which had been scheduled on the advice of Algeria's President Chadli Bendjedid and UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The King cannot accept that the meeting take place "in these circumstances and in a context marked by this kind of inadmissible conduct," the royal announcement said.

The Moroccan colonel commanding the Guelata Zemour sector in the centre of the Western Sahara was killed with 13 of his troops while repelling the armoured attack of Polisario units at dawn Saturday, the Moroccan command announced. A Polisario communiqué published in Algiers claimed more than 200 men of the Moroccan Army were killed in the five-hour battle.

Moroccan claimed 80 Polisario men were killed or injured, five armoured personnel carriers and 10 jeeps mounted with sophisticated arms were captured and four men taken prisoner. The Polisario said it captured 12 Moroccan soldiers.

It was by far the bloodiest battle in the long-dormant Sahara dispute since a unilateral ceasefire observed for the past 18 months by the Polisario movement.

Several senior officers and members of Polisario's civilian leadership defected to Morocco recently in what appeared to be an increasing split in the guerrilla movement, diplomatic sources said.

The kingmet with senior Polisario officials in Marrakech last January, but the meeting had no result other than exacerbate the growing dissension between Polisario hard-liners holding out for all-out independence, and others willing to accept the Moroccan proposal of autonomous status for the Sahara within Morocco.

The guerrilla hard-liners and their sophisticated, Algerian-supplied weaponry have started to concentrate more and more on northern Mauritania, the sources said, in view of Algeria's loss of interest in supporting the movement. Their main base has hitherto been in the oasis of Tindouf, at the western tip of Algeria.

Diplomatic sources in Rabat and Algiers said, however, that there seemed to be no likelihood of a breakup of the Maghreb Union formed last February by Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya and Mauritania. (Rabat - AP)

## Quote me

"Together let us strive for mutual understanding and peace. On behalf of all mankind, let us make common cause of safeguarding and fostering those values which will build up the spiritual and moral health of our world." — Pope John Paul II calling for tolerance in other faiths in Indonesia. . . .

"The Likud leadership never seems to run out of ways to avoid talks with Palestinians. Last week's decision by the Israeli cabinet to reject an Egyptian initiative for getting such talks under way in the late example of this ingenuity." — New York Times in an editorial lashing out at the Likud leadership for eschewing Palestinians. . . .

"Likud's intransigence must surely please Arab and Israeli hardliners. But the endless delays in discussing Israel's own plan for holding elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip cannot serve Israel's long term interests." — An editorial in the New York Times laying Israeli intransigence. . . .

"If I had been told three years ago that in 1989 a professional tournament would be staged here, I'd have been shocked. It took me a while to settle down. This was a wonderful feeling." — Soviet tennis star Natalia Zvereva after training a compatriot in the first professional tennis tournament to be staged in the Soviet Union. . . .

"Too many young Arabs, Israeli soldiers, innocent civilians have lost their lives. The only route is to seek other. That's why I'm going to prison." — Peace crusader Abie Nathan said after being sentenced to six-month imprisonment for meeting Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. . . .

"You have often said you would solve your country's problems in 10 hours if left alone with no external forces meddling. But we see you have spent 10 days here without achieving results." — An anonymous source at the meeting of Lebanese deputies ridiculing their effort in Taif, Saudi Arabia. . . .

"Since today is Moi Day and a day of being mindful of other people's welfare, those prisoners who have been imprisoned for petty offences for six, seven or even 10 months will be released. . . . and join their families and take part in nation building. They should refrain from these offences in the future." — President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya granting amnesty on the occasion of Moi Day.

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Fashion

THE audience in the plush Parisian salon sat in expectation, and although many were seasoned fashion observers and commentators, a certain thrill of curiosity hung in the air. The elegant women and fashion professionals were gathered recently in the famous "Pavillon Gabriel" off the Champs Elysees where the likes of Christian Dior and Yves St Laurent have unveiled successive collections. Only this time, the models treading on the catwalk were showing off creations by a newcomer, Yahya Al Bishri.

Hailing not from Paris, not from Milan, or from Tokyo — the centres of the fashion world — but from the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 29-year-old Al Bishri is determined to change his country's widespread image of a place where women wear nothing but head-to-toe tent-like robes.

Though this type of dress is seen often in the streets, private festivities offer another image of Arab women: Wealthy Saudi women are among the world's greatest amateurs of high-fashion garments designed by the most famous designers, and private parties, weddings, engagements or birthday celebrations are as many occasions to dress up and show oneself.

Until designer Al Bishri took the plunge and going against his family's wishes and his country's traditions opened his workshop in Jeddah four years ago, Saudi women with a taste for Western-style, fashionable luxury clothing had no choice but to buy from foreign designers.

Al Bishri, a lover of poetry since he was 15, had to fight to be able to do what he enjoyed most: design clothing. In Paris he proved that he had won at least part of the battle for recognition at home and abroad. Said the young designer in an interview just before the show: "Starting out was very hard; first of all there was my family, they always tried to discourage me, to push me down because they don't like this kind of thing. They wanted me to go into some other business. Parents are the same all over the world, they like to think of their son as a lawyer, doctor or engineer — and this is especially true in the Arab Gulf countries, and even more so in Saudi Arabia."

In this part of the world "people don't really know what being a designer means," he explained. "They imagine he is simply someone who sews fabric together into clothes; what they do know is that it has to do with ladies, so you can imagine what people say: 'What is this business he is doing? What does he have to do with all these ladies?'"

Although Al Bishri's reputation is now well-established in Saudi Arabia, his family is still reluctant to approve of his endeavours. "They don't give me such a hard time anymore, but they certainly don't help," he said wistfully.

One of the reasons why the road has been so difficult is that it is rare in his country for anyone to seriously embark on an "arty" career, which is also true in many other Arab countries, he said. "There are very few art academies in the Arab world; there is so much conflict around that all people think about is war: when they are fighting, there is no time to think about art."

For Al Bishri the first step was to go to the Milan school of fashion in Italy to study. After several years he went back home and started designing. Now that he has begun to receive a fair amount of media attention with magazine coverage, TV and radio interviews, "people's ideas begin to change," he said: the whole adventure looks more like a sound business and may prove inspiring for other young Arabs tempted by unorthodox fields. "If I make a success of it, certainly it will open the way for other young people to do such things."

While trying to innovate, Al-Bishri claims he is in tune with what people in his country want: "I drew a great deal from traditional Arab dress," he noted. "In fact I spent six months travelling around the Arab world and I met with people in the villages to try and get close to them, to understand more about traditional clothing. I would speak with them and ask them why they chose this colour, that fabric or this pattern of embroidery."

Looking comfortable in blue jeans and a jeans shirt, Al-Bishri added that he is in fact preparing a book on traditional dress in different parts of the Arab world. The book will include pictures of traditional garments next to the young designer's interpretation for modern women. "I come from a very rich culture. I want to show the international people what the Arab people have. One can get a tremendous amount out of this culture; I am sure some European designers would love to know what is there," he added with a mischievous grin.

The young Saudi also draws on his love and knowledge of classical Arab poetry for inspiration. He continues to write poetry himself and reads a great deal: "A poet can describe an event like, while he is walking down the street, he passes a girl and is suddenly struck by love; he will describe her attitude, how she hides her face shyly behind her veil, how the fabrics of her dress flow around her as she walks, how the colours change as layers of fabric are blown gently by the wind.... As soon as I read something like this, I immediately get up and go to the drawing board to do a sketch. I put what I see into my own language."

Many of Al Bishri's designs have a distant oriental flavour, such as the dress he designed for Lady Diana when the British royal couple visited the Saudi Kingdom last year: soft, flowing, multi-coloured transparent crepe and wide pans with a top richly embroidered in traditional Arab patterns. Although many of Al Bishri's clothes are extremely sculptured and elaborate, others are quirky, like a wink from the designer: an asymmetrical sleeve here, the hem of a shirt lifted right up to one side like a fan revealing a thigh.... As always, most designs are probably best suited to the younger generation, and the svelter body!

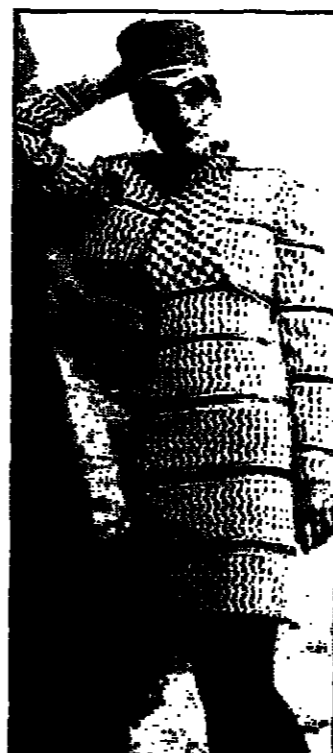
Al Bishri has shown collections in major shows in Amman, Jordan, and Cairo, but the majority of his work involves designing exclusive dresses for private clients.

Fame and money are OK, but Al Bishri says he expects more from working on the international scene. "I am trying to get wise," he concludes.



Yahya Al Bishri

# Yahya Al Bishri — Sand storm



A party dress designed by Al Bishri

## A passion for fashion

### Sport

Philippine's hero and basketball coach Norman Black directs "his" troops.

## Thriller

## of Manila

IT'S a steamy Monday afternoon in Manila and the air conditioning in the cavernous Ultra arena doesn't seem to be working. Aside from the giggles and whispers of a covey of schoolgirls, the only sound is the squeaking of basketball shoes on the hardwood floor.

It's supposed to be a day of rest, midway through the Philippine Basketball Association's (PBA) All-Filipino Conference championship series, but the San Miguel Beermen, the heavy favourites, are running wind sprints: panting and pouring sweat, a dozen men lope back and forth across the court.

Any basketball fan would wonder at the absence of shouting, whistle blowing and finger-pointing that one is used to during practice games. The reason is that the coach is on the court, running harder than anyone else and leading, as is his style, by example.

In the basketball-mad islands, Norman Black is a beloved national hero with an influence that extends well beyond the realm of sports. In a nation that knows its former colonizer mostly through television shows and action movies, he is probably the most visible American.

A soft-spoken and articulate man, Black is aware that being a celebrity in a hard-luck country is in itself no small responsibility. He knows that young people look up to him and that the way he handles his star status can help shape their understanding of success. While Filipino society encourages the rich to flaunt their wealth and influence, 31-year-old Black — sober, unpretentious and dedicated to his craft — stands out.

"He is a great example," says Tom Randall, a Manila-based American who travels the world giving basketball exhibitions. "And it's not just because he's got great talent."

It was, in fact, his rare qualities as a basketball player which brought Black to the Philippines in the first place. The son of a mechanic and a schoolteacher from Baltimore, Maryland, he dreamed of becoming a professional baseball player until, at age 13, he grew 5 inches (13 cm) over the course of three months and decided to concentrate on basketball.

As a highly successful player at St Joseph's University in Philadelphia in the late 1970s, the 6'5" (1.95-metre-tall) Black caught the eye of the National Basketball Association (NBA) scouts. In 1981, after two years of bouncing between NBA tryouts and the hard-knocks Continental Basketball Association, he received a generous offer from the president of the mammoth San Miguel Corporation to play for a few months in Manila, where at certain times of the year teams are permitted to carry one or two non-Filipinos on their rosters.

"I didn't even know where the Philippines was located before I was invited to play here," he recalls. "I had to look it up in the encyclopedia. I went home and read about the culture, the population, the weather." While very different from Baltimore or Philadelphia, the pictures presented suited the 23-year-old

communications graduate just fine. As the league's top "import," he was nothing short of dominating, averaging around 45 points and 20 rebounds a game.

He was so well-liked and so successful that in 1984 San Miguel offered him full-time work as player-coach of the basketball team and head of the company's external sports programme. At about the same time Black married the former Carmen Davila and began to establish himself in the hearts of his adopted countrymen. Today, even casual fans take pride in the fact that Black is married to a Filipina. "They figure I have got a little Filipino blood in me now," he says with a laugh. The couple has two children.

When it comes to maintaining his popularity, though, Black knows that nothing beats success. With him at the helm, the Beermen have become the best team in the league, capturing five out of six PBA championships, including this September's All-Filipino crown.

Filipinos' love for the sport has spread to the remotest villages, where dirt or concrete courts are the closest thing to town commons. From the slums to the coconut groves, children spend countless hours tossing

balls at home-made hoops. The best way for politicians to gain the admiration of constituents — not to mention some prime political advertising space — is to put up backboards and rims in a public place.

It's a long way from the plush Ultra arena to these crude courts, but it was out in the villages that Black really became something more than just another gifted athlete in the eyes of Filipino fans. Beginning in 1984 he started travelling around the country giving basketball clinics for children.

"You can't always just take, take, take," he says. "My teaching the kids is just my way of giving something back." That's a view that has not failed to impress people here, especially fans who have watched too many American players come to the Philippines with an unquenchable "me-first" attitude.

Black acknowledges that the player imports often fail to endear themselves to their hosts. "The ones who come over with the big egos, who have been superstars all their lives, who are used to being pampered, those are the ones who don't last very long," he explains. "The culture is not the same as in the United States, by any stretch of the imagination. These people think differently than us, and if you want to make it here, you have to be flexible and adjust."

## VARIETY

## Art

**IT IS still.** Your eyes are shut. Standing and waiting for the wrapping, a careful molding, to show. Then after muscle-numbing time, a small chiseling. And slowly, each section of the outer shell comes away to reveal a burst of air, rebirth.

This is the process taken by the British artist Antony Gormley to make his thoughtful sculptures. His body is wrapped and dried in plaster. Then, the resulting mold is cut away in preplanned sections, joined together again, adjusted, considered, made into fiberglass, and finally covered with lead sheets or cast in iron. The outcome is a richly textured figure, welded together piece by piece and expressing the waiting stance of the original living mold.

Gormley's process of making art is a long one. It takes many months of thinking, working, and

refining. Patience must be the law. He cannot give in to a rushing temptation for shortcuts without compromising the contemplative nature of his work. Without emotional content the process of making the work would take over and the sculptures would be mechanical. Fortunately, Gormley's mind teems with ideas and he places great importance on the meaning of his work. The artist in him demands substance of vision, as well as perfection in craft; this keeps his art from staidness.

Upon seeing Gormley's last one-person show at Salvatore Ala Gallery in New York City, one was compelled to stand still and think. The work did not scream out with noisy lights, demanding attention, but rather unfolded itself to the viewer. It had an attitude that encouraged thoughtful contemplation. The smooth

quality of the sculpture's surfaces with their subtle scratches and tones contributed to an atmosphere of quiet.

"Holding on to the Future" is the title of one piece in which a figure holds another slightly larger figure, front to back. They are lying on their sides, so closely that they are, in fact, one. There is a struggle, although not violent. The viewer is drawn in to the internal nature of the struggling presented by the two figures, and reflects upon her own struggles in comparison. The artist touches a chord we share, our need to hold on to the future until it becomes now.

Another work, entitled "Landing III," is two figures lying down, holding one another face to face. They are stretched out and look as if they had just landed. Their skin is scraped, but only slightly. The viewer can see that the land-

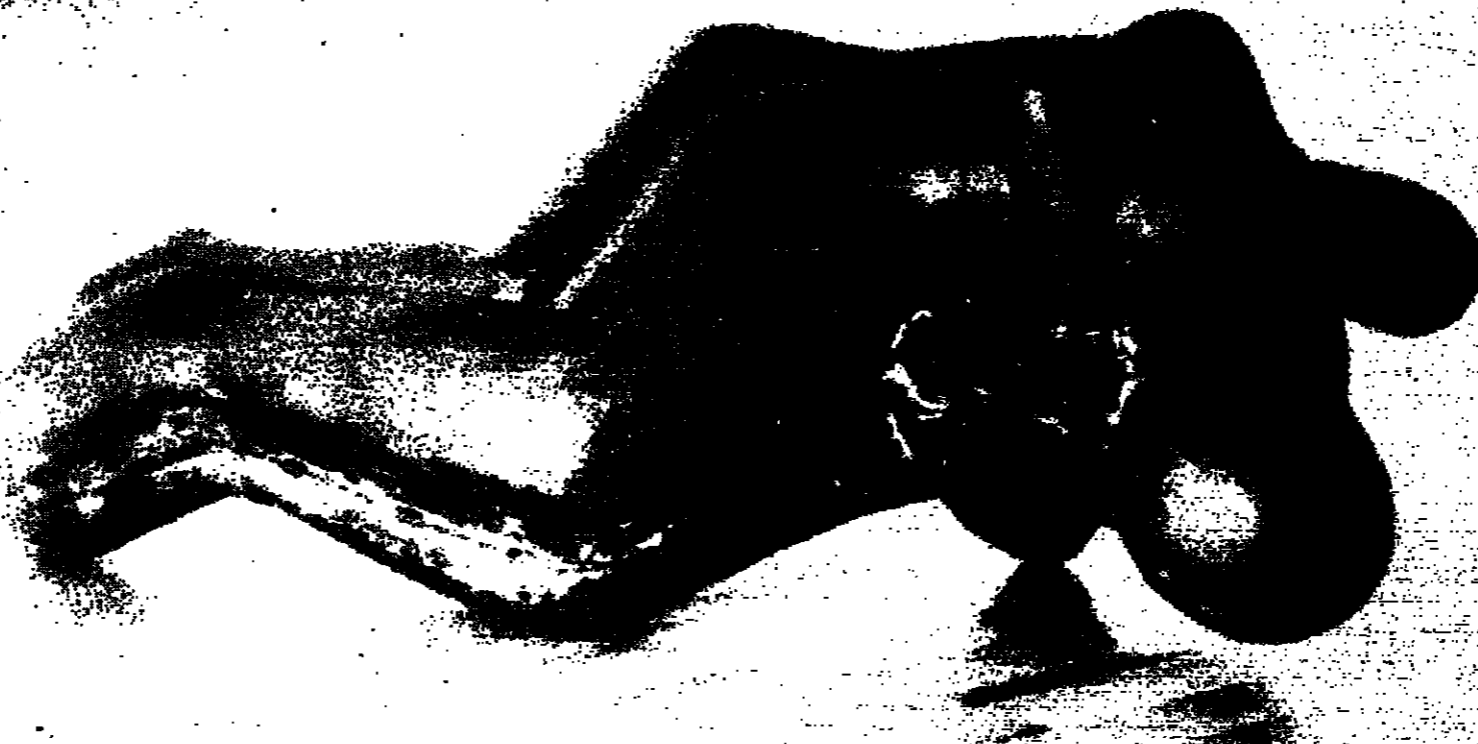
ing was fairly smooth and wonder why. How can two people land smoothly? The artist gives us the answer. In "Landing III," the figures embrace and they are now made of iron. Gormley seems to be saying that if we hold on strongly, not letting go, we will land safely.

One especially moving work in the show was "Field." It is a field of about 120 eight-inch-high terra cotta figures. They are arranged in a starlike pattern all facing inward toward the central circle. Each one is individually made and impressed with great feeling. They stand erect with eyes full of anticipation. These are simple beings. All look to the center although there is nothing to be seen. Yet, there is something. The viewer becomes one of the figures, waiting and looking toward the unseeable but deeply felt source.

Along with the figurative works, there are some abstract sculptures. There are hollow boxes of lead, stainless steel, and concrete, with tiny windows in their sides. The windows are small but significant entrances into the blocks. They let the air circulate and the rock breathe. One dark box has two small white stones resting on top. Like two blossoms growing from the pavement, the stones remind us that sometimes tenderness hides in unlikely places.

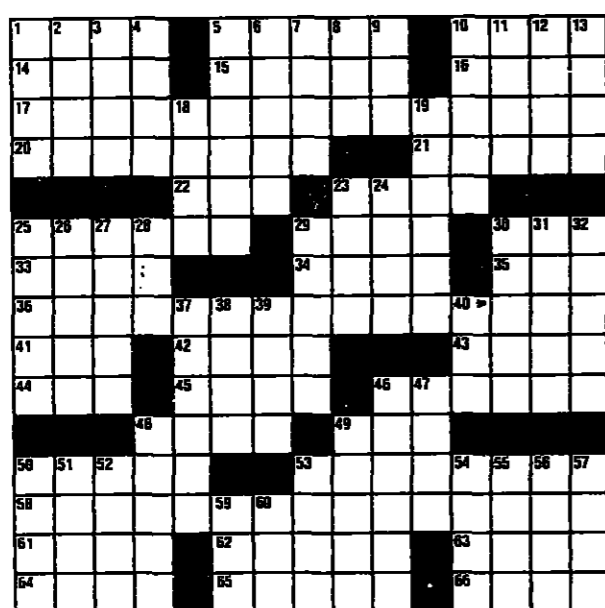
Finally, in a separate room, there were two solitary sculptures. One was simply a small pile of lead pellets, entitled, "Seed." Little "Seeds" of destruction. The other was a kneeling figure, its feet attached to the wall, a few feet above the floor. It is called "Sick" and looks as though it will slide down and drop flat on the floor. The slouching of the physique and the dullness of its lead surface hints at the discomfort portrayed. Perhaps Gormley is saying, by the positioning of the two works, that the man is sick of society's brutality. It is a subtle and unseeable truth.

This last room portrays a desperate situation and, yet, in the next room there was inspiration and future possibilities. Gormley showed us a future.



## Cast in a different mould

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Youths
  - 5 Denude
  - 10 Places
  - 14 Composer Khachaturian
  - 15 Long-armed ape, for short
  - 16 Dash
  - 17 Verdi opera
  - 20 Palatable
  - 21 Steps to a graduate degree
  - 22 Md. neighbor
  - 23 Mares' morsels
  - 25 Emulated Montana
  - 29 Shiva's wife
  - 30 Fledermaus
  - 33 Incline
  - 34 Current Comb. form
  - 35 Hokey for the matador!
  - 36 Strauss opera
  - 41 Seurat stroke
  - 42 Calif. campus
  - 43 Bump mark
  - 44 "— day at a time"
  - 45 Long-loved Lucille
  - 46 Plant organs
  - 48 Namesakes of a Gilbert & Sullivan princess
  - 49 The sun
  - 50 Vast plain of NE Nigeria
  - 53 Artistic —
  - 58 Bc. nstein opera
  - 61 UN member
  - 62 Knight's weapon
  - 63 Single thing
  - 64 One of the Inner Hebrides
  - 65 Engender
  - 66 Aromatic spice
- DOWN**
- 1 Cobbler's block
  - 2 "Tosca" tune
  - 3 Rhett's last word
  - 4 Blend of smoke and fog
  - 5 Cried
  - 6 Scandinavian folklore figure
  - 7 Sprint
  - 8 Bus. abbr.
  - 9 Links org.
  - 10 Sly looks
  - 11 "Eugene Onegin" role
  - 12 Reiner or Bernstein
  - 13 Actress Claire and namesakes
  - 18 Brood of pheasants
  - 19 Idea
  - 23 Island of leis
  - 24 Hebrew letter
  - 25 Madrid museum
  - 26 Composer Copland
  - 27 Strike
  - 28 Watering spot
  - 29 African village
  - 30 Canine breed
  - 31 Unescorted
  - 32 Trials
  - 37 "Rub-a—"
  - 38 Sports org.
  - 39 Building wings
  - 40 Fuses
  - 46 Classified
  - 47 Accused's answer
  - 48 Harden
  - 49 Ago
  - 50 Heat measures: Abbr.
  - 51 City on the Ural
  - 52 Optimistic
  - 53 Banquet
  - 54 Buddy
  - 55 Singer Turner
  - 56 Auricular: Comb. form
  - 57 Ceremony
  - 59 Deg.
  - 60 Jug lug

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

BITTS CHUG APPLE  
OTIC HOPE SLEET  
SANA TRAM TOAST  
CLAMSCASINO CEE  
PIK EARTH  
CAGINESS PIEMAN  
ORR SNOUT ARENA  
RUES ANGEL MLVI  
ABELE GALES BIL  
LAKING REVIVALS  
SMASH EPI  
ABA GAESARSALAD  
FILET NOLA NOOR  
ATALE CRAIG DONE  
REDID EASE STEW

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
MAKE SURE YOU GET YOURS!

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 8 2  
♥ A 8 7 6 4  
♦ 5 3  
♣ 10 9 4

**WEST**  
♠ 5  
♥ K Q J 10 9 5 3  
♦ K Q 10  
♣ 8 2

**EAST**  
♠ 6 4  
♥ Void  
♦ J 8 7 6 4 2  
♣ J 7 6 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q J 10 7 3  
♥ 2  
♦ A 9  
♣ A K Q

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 ♠ 4 ♥ 4 ♠ Pass  
6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♥

Most of us complain that we are dealt few enough tricks in our bridge lifetime. Therefore, we must make every effort to husband those that are our due.

South's two-spade opening was natural and forcing. Over West's preempt, North felt three trumps and a ruffing value in diamonds made a bid of four spades preferable to a double. Since North was unlikely to have as much as an ace

and a king for his competitive action, South decided a small slam was more than adequate.

West's king of hearts was the natural opening lead. Declarer called for dummy's ace, East ruffed and returned a trump, and declarer eventually had to concede a diamond for a one-trick set.

A pause for reflection before playing to the first trick would have enabled declarer to count 12 tricks—seven spades, three clubs and the two red aces. Therefore, the spade slam was unbeatable as long as declarer did not indulge in a trick-reduction play. Since West almost surely had a seven-card suit to jump to four hearts, putting up the ace of hearts for East to ruff away is a prime example of that type of folly.

To preserve his 12 tricks, declarer should simply play low from the table at the first trick, retaining the ace for a later rick. Declarer can then ruff the heart continuation, again playing low from dummy, draw trumps and cross to the table with a trump. The ace of hearts serves as a parking place for declarer's losing diamond, and the small slam is in the bag.



"I hope you're not one of those people who have trouble swallowing pills."

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You will find it rather difficult to get going today but will soon catch up. Do all you can to avoid getting into a muddle. There will be a change in your luck but not quite as you would have expected. Be helpful.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
Avoid spending too long chatting on the phone. Your lucky numbers are 14 and 26. You must read the instructions carefully before using a new device. You will find the solution to a rather unusual problem. Be attentive.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**  
You will have to work hard if you do not want to fall behind schedule. Something you had thought would be dead simple will prove to be nothing of the kind. Check your facts; they could well be out of date. Be sensible.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**  
Allow yourself a little more time for your personal affairs. Make sure you return things to their right place otherwise you will waste time trying to find them. You must continue to exercise frugality if you want to avoid a financial crisis. Be tolerant.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will have plenty to do but do not become flustered, just get on with it. You will tend to be rather tense and impatient and should try to control yourself. A problem that you had anticipated will not now materialise. Be reasonable.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**  
Something you have not been able to do of late will now become possible. You will be able to hold your head high and should do so. Do not allow some secondary matter to become predominant. Be moderate.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
You will be able to have an interesting day. However you must make sure you do not neglect routine matters however boring. If you think you have nothing more to learn you really are getting old. Be generous.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
You will tend to be a little indecisive and should do all you can to overcome this trend. Something you thought would be quick will take more time than you had allotted to it.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You are more liable to make mistakes so watch out for them. You must overcome an inclination not to give someone a ring. Listen more carefully to what others are saying. Be selective.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**  
You will find lots of doors open to you but must think hard about which to enter. An obstacle you thought would be formidable will prove to be nothing of the kind. A personal matter should be attended to without delay. Be reliable.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
Others will be more kindly disposed towards you and you should return the compliment. Work fast but not so fast that you become slapdash. Think a little longer before you act. Be patient.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**  
You should exercise a little indulgence when dealing with a rather neurotic person who means well. Make sure you do not break a promise you have made. Something will happen to restore fully your faith in yourself.

Film

# Life — personal or on screen — is always in transition for Jane



Jane Fonda

**JANE FONDA**, controversial in fact and fiction, always seems to be in transition, both in her personal life and on the big screen.

Her most recent project was producing and starring in "Old Gringo," a movie in which she plays a woman caught up in the sweeping events of the Mexican revolution.

Fonda knows the personal real-life story of another woman with a war in her background. Her actions during the Vietnam war fanned a major controversy, more so than her character's actions did in "Old Gringo."

Harriet Winslow, the spinster schoolteacher Fonda portrays in the film, found herself — like Fonda — embroiled in conflict and made some major changes in her life. Also, as did Fonda, Winslow became a strong, determined woman.

Fonda's personal life took yet another significant turn earlier this year when she left her husband, politician Tom Hayden. She is single again and dealing with the same kind of problems that other unmarried women face.

"I'm not as naive and inexperienced as Harriet is

at the beginning of the picture," Fonda said in comparing her life with that of Winslow. "I identify with her willingness to risk things in order to try to find herself."

"I think that Harriet, like a lot of women, doesn't realize her own strengths and abilities to be open to life," Fonda said. "A great many women are strong and don't know it. I've not always known that about myself. I realize everyone thinks I'm a very strong woman. I'm not so sure. It doesn't matter how others perceive you, but how you think of yourself that counts."

"People don't realize I have a vulnerability. Individuals are judged as being strong or weak. Well, a human being can be both, and all of that. I'm smart and I'm stupid. I'm strong and I'm weak and vulnerable and not vulnerable."

Fonda, the multimillionaire, mother, political activist, Academy award winner, remains insecure in many respects. She still is able to blush when told she is a sensuous woman.

"I wanted to make a movie that touched on the question of someone who crosses internal and

external borders," she said. "When (novelist) Carlos Fuentes told me he was writing a story that spoke to that theme, I became interested."

That was some eight years ago. A determined Fonda has been developing the picture ever since.

Actually, Fuentes wrote about off-beat American journalist Ambrose Bierce and his mysterious disappearance into Mexico during the revolution. The novel and the film deal with the differences and similarities of the Mexican and American cultures — specifically a romantic triangle involving the older Bierce, Winslow and fiery young Tomas Arroyo, a general in Villa's revolution army.

Gregory Peck gives one of the best performances of his illustrious career in the role of Bierce. Jimmy Smits is properly dashing, romantic and hot-blooded as Arroyo.

With Fonda's prodding, "Old Gringo" captures the flavour of the politics and violence of the time and place, but focuses most sharply on personal relationships.

"I liked the spectacle and the panorama of the

film," Fonda said. "I've never done a picture like this before. One reviewer called it an epic with intimacy."

Working closely with Argentine director Luis Puenzo, perfectionist Fonda did not want to lose the story's intimacy in the cavalcade of war.

She hoped Winslow's story would reflect the choices open to women.

"On several occasions I've taken risks with my life and gone in unexpected directions," Fonda said. "Like leaving Hollywood, going to Europe and returning to the United States as an activist."

"Women, like men, lead lives of quiet desperation, as Thoreau said. I think maybe people get into ruts and assume they have to stay in them. I believe in the capacity for change and I like to play characters who do change."

"I've always been open to new possibilities and directions and I continue to be. Definitely."

Among the possibilities are two new movies: "A Bright Shining Lie," which she will produce but not perform in, and "Woman on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown," in which she would star.

## Heyerdahl hits the road again

### Exploring Peru ruins

A 75-year-old Norwegian adventurer Thor Heyerdahl digs in a remote region near Peru's northwest coast for treasures left behind by a civilization older and more advanced than that of the celebrated Incas.

More than 40 years ago, Heyerdahl set sail from the same Pacific shores on Kon-Tiki, the primitive wooden raft that carried him to fame.

Now Heyerdahl is exploring a sprawling complex called the Tucume pyramids, which he believes were built by ancient seafarers who reached the new world at around the time of Christ or before, on rafts fragile like his own Kon-Tiki.

"This is the greatest archaeological find of the century," a trim Heyerdahl said in an interview with the Associated Press. "It's the most exciting project of my life."

Heyerdahl turned 75 on Friday (Oct 6) and is in Norway to celebrate at his boyhood home in Larvik, a southern town of 38,000.

A self-described landlubber, Heyerdahl made headlines worldwide in 1947 with his 101-day, 4,300-mile (6,900 kms) ocean voyage from Peru to Polynesia aboard the tiny Kon-Tiki, a replica of a prehistoric raft made of balsa wood.

More adventures followed, navigating the Atlantic and the Arabian Gulf on primitive vessels, made of paper-like papyrus reeds: The Ra in 1969, The Ra II in 1970 and The Tigris in 1978. In the 1950s Heyerdahl discovered the origins of the mysterious Aka-Aka statues of Eastern Island, off Chile.

"My hobby and my pleasure is my work. If I have time off, I work on my forest and my land," Heyerdahl said about his home in the village of Colla Micheri, Italy, bought more than 30 years ago.

His studies take him to remote regions of South America and the Pacific, and he now spends most of his time in Peru.

Heyerdahl said he was introduced to the Tucume find by Peruvian archaeologist Walter Alva. The Norwegian leads a team of mostly Peruvian scientists and workers, and the project is funded by Oslo's Kon-Tiki Museum. But the artifacts found there must remain in Peru.

Work on the 26-pyramid complex began last year, but "an area of this size is not studied in one man's lifetime... it will take generations," said Heyerdahl.

The find may cast doubt on current theories about the settlers of ancient America, he said. The pyramids are made of adobe, a material most often used during that period in distant Mesopotamia, or modern Iraq.

Local looters unwittingly revealed the treasure when Alva caught them stealing gold from another group of pyramids, the Sipan, in the same part of Peru's Lambayeque province, between the Andes and the Pacific coast.

"The looters had started the work, but Alva took over," Heyerdahl laughed.

The Tucume site was undisturbed, and Heyerdahl believes that he will find a treasure of gold and artifacts when he opens them.

The complex is linked to the sea by a 12-mile (19 kms) long system of canals large enough for rafts like Kon-Tiki to sail along,

he said. The canals have been filled in but later were dredged out for irrigation channels.

"One of the first utensils we found was a small steering oar from a small balsa raft," said Heyerdahl, who prowls the site on a chestnut stallion, Rayo, named after a nearby mountain peak.

Seashells from distant parts of South America found there seem to indicate that the builders of Tucume were an ancient race of sailors, he said.

Spanish explorers found the coastal complex in the 1530s, but went on into the mountains seeking Inca treasure, and Tucume was forgotten by the world," he said.

The oral history of these coastal dwellers recorded by the Spaniards told of fleets of rafts that bore a king called Nymlap, at least 2,000 years ago. Legend has it that his grandson, Kala, began work on the pyramids, Heyerdahl said.

"I could only prove that balsa rafts were seaworthy and could sail. Here we have the final proof that they did sail and they did navigate in the open ocean," said Heyerdahl.

Scholars scoffed 40 years ago when Heyerdahl, who had unimpressive academic credentials, claimed that prehistoric civilizations reached the Americas by crossing the Pacific on rafts borne by ocean currents.

Heyerdahl had studied zoology and then switched to anthropology at the university of Oslo. To prove his theories, he built and sailed the Kon-Tiki, named for a pre-Incan sun god.

"We made all the errors we could as beginners and still got across all the world's oceans," he said. Even so, his theories are still controversial.

Heyerdahl claims that ancient cultures in Egypt, the Mediterranean and Middle East and in West Asia were "part of one early tree of civilization."

"One branch of that tree... crossed from the old world to tropical America and inspired the primitive Indians," he said.

"We don't know when they arrived," Heyerdahl said of the builders of Tucume. Excavation has penetrated only the surface of the find, but already it indicates that the civilization arrived in a state of relative advancement.

Heyerdahl said the find precedes the Inca and even the Chimo, a tribe vanquished by the Inca around 1100 AD.

"By the time we finish excavation, we will be able to say when it all started," he said.

Heyerdahl said Peru's attention is shifting from the Inca to coastal sites, like Tucume and Sipan.

"The Inca never managed to create anything like what is now coming out of the tomb of Sipan," he said about Alva's nearby find.

"The Inca were to South America what the Romans were in Europe. They were not the founders of culture. They were the military power that took over what others had created," he said.

Although its origins are obscure, Heyerdahl said the fate of the Tucume civilization is known: it was wiped out.

"There are many lessons in the past, and one lesson is that not one civilization has been eternal," he said.

## Meet a Neighbour

Wherever they go midgets attract attention, and sometimes scorn. Their lives are fraught with encounters that require courage, and a forgiving heart. Unable to change the world around them, they incessantly strive to adapt and live as other people do. For many this is a life-long and often painful process.



Ahmed



Maruwan

## Think big Stand tall



He is married and has a normal daughter. He failed to make it as a wrestler because his fingers were too small to allow him a good grip on his opponent but he learnt to drive and often gives a lift to his pal Maruwan. He even gives him driving lessons at night, when roads are empty, in his Japanese car whose pedals have been extended to allow him to be comfortably in control.

"Striving to know that they can function as other people, Maruwan and Ahmed, have not made any adjustments in their homes."

"It's difficult to watch on the night I have to stand on the chair," Maruwan said.

"Oh, yes, it is a great deal to watch something that is on the shelves, but it is much easier to watch things that are under the bed," Ahmed said.

Maruwan is a reluctant model for the film, which is a call at the Damascus International Fair. He was playing cards with some Egyptian actors when a film director from Cairo spotted him.

"He told me he could use me in his films. Then he brought a very tall man and paraded us through the streets and swelling crowds. I felt humiliated," recalls Maruwan. But being small he managed to flee down an alleyway before anyone could notice.

Ahmed is well had situations when he felt a crowd of people was closing in on him. It happened when he was stopped by a policeman for driving without a driving license. As he argued crowds began gathering but fortunately for him the crowd was on his side. The policeman reluctantly let him go.

Paper to gain acceptance, Ahmed and Maruwan went into show business years ago. They have appeared in dozens of TV and theatre plays and children's shows. But the move was a mixed blessing. It supplemented their modest income from clerical jobs in the government and brought them some notoriety.

But all too often, directors and audiences would focus on their size rather than their ability to act and entertain. While some producers gave them parts that required much more than "an appearance to elicit laughter," others have blatantly used them to fill in the blanks.

# Computer whiz Dell gives a run for the money

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct 10, (AP) — Sitting in a glass-walled office atop the building that houses his Dell Computer Corp., 24-year-old Michael Dell recalls how angry his parents were when he dropped out of college after just one year.

But, he notes, they didn't stay mad long.

Before he was even of legal drinking age, the former newspaper subscription salesman and technical whiz had built — with just a \$1,000 investment — a multi-million dollar business that is giving giants such as International Business Machines Corp. and Compaq Computer Corp. a run for their money.

Ranked tops over those companies in customer satisfaction among personal computer buyers by industry magazine PC Weekly, Dell credits its success to elimination of the middleman and its customer service network.

"The basic idea that I had in the beginning was that the

computer dealers didn't really add a whole lot of value in the sale of a computer for an increasing number of users," said Dell, who founded the company when he was 19 and serves as chairman.

"There are a lot of users who understand what computers are for, what they're all about, and for those users, the services of a computer dealer — in terms of services the dealer purports to offer — isn't really worth the extra dollars the dealer adds on to the price of a computer."

For example, Dell says, a buyer may go down to a computer store and pay \$4,000 for a system that really is worth only \$2,500. The extra \$1,500 goes to the retailer.

"And what many users found was that for \$1,500, they weren't getting \$1,500 worth of support. They were getting a guy who used to sell cars or shoes and didn't know anything about computers, and it wasn't a good deal."

"So I figured that if there was a good way to sell the

\$2,500 computer for \$2,500 and not add the \$1,500, then you'd have quite a business. Particularly because the number of people who understand what computers are for is increasing rapidly."

Most sales are made over the phone, but marketing director Brian Fewkes disagrees when the company is described as a mail-order computer firm. He says the company uses direct relations marketing, which involves a network of sales representatives, customer service agents and technicians.

Regardless of what it's called, the strategy has paid off. Dell reported revenues of \$258 million for the 1989 fiscal year, compared to \$159 million the previous year. Income was \$14 million, up from \$9 million, and Dell said analysts estimate his company will report revenues of about \$400 million this year, with earnings of \$12 million.

Dell, who built his fortune at the height of the Texas

bust, is estimated to be worth about \$100 million. He owns 52 per cent of the stock in Dell, which went public in July, 1988 and is traded over the counter.

This year he joined such notables as H. Ross Perot and the Hunt Family on Texas monthly's "The Texas 100," a list of the 100 richest people in the state.

Though somewhat shy, Dell does not seem surprised with his early success.

"I always imagined myself running some sort of company, I had no idea of what it would be, but I just always imagined something like that," he says. "I never imagined that it wouldn't happen, I know that."

And Dell always has excelled. At age 8, the son of a Houston orthodontist father and stockbroker mother passed a high school equivalency test. At 16, he was top salesman his first month of selling subscriptions to the Houston Post.

## EVENTS



## Welcome to Kuwait

The Sudanese Women's League held a reception to honour the new Sudanese Ambassador's wife, Fathiya Abbas, many of the well-known Sudanese personalities attended the reception. Fathiya was also introduced to the League's objectives and future plans.

## Indian video roundup

## 'An era of instant things'

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

MANY a recent Hindi film ends in a pall of smoke — everything destroyed under shelling and gunfire. Perhaps, the movies, in their own crude way reflect real life. Almost all movies have Amrish Puri, India's No. 1 bad man, spill his guts or condemn the hero to a life of a crime. This scenario, it seemed, would not change. Yash Chopra's Chandni proves us wrong. Chandni blows like a cool summer breeze.

Yash's Chandni is every man's dream: seductive, alluring and charming, a middle-class girl who loves to sing and dance and enjoy life. And it comes as no surprise that a dashing young man, Rohit, falls in love with her. Romance is made to order. "It's an era of instant things," says one character. "Instant coffee, instant tea and instant love," as Rohit gazes into Chandni's eyes. So is separation.

Chandni's theme is a mixture of reality and fantasy, spiced with tragedy and compromise. The sadness lies in Rohit's rejection of Chandni.

Fate plays the villain in this tale, which boasts of a storyline and continuity. Chandni accepts her fate and moves on. Life must go on, and it does for her in Bombay. "Everyone is lonely in this world," Chandni tells Lalit, the second man in her life.

Lalit cares for her. She accepts it. He proposes marriage. She accepts it. We feel that Chandni is making the right choice. At this point, Yash decides to bank on saleable formula and indulges in cinematic clichés and dramatics.

Though this mars the overall thematic value of the movie, it in no way reduces the impact of the romantic fantasy.

Sidekick Chandni bubbles with life; Rishi Kapoor as Rohit fits the bill. Vinod Khanna, who plays Lalit, seems

tired and haggard.

Mirza Ghalib

GULZAR'S Mirza Ghalib on the life and times of one of the greatest Urdu poets is a lyrical narrative, recreating the mystique and romance of a bygone era.

Ghalib lived during a fascinating period of history — at a time when the Mughal Empire was slowly fading; the British had established themselves as de facto rulers. Ghalib, who prided his nobility felt the need to cultivate the new rulers who gave him his pension, his only source of income. A prolific writer, Ghalib's letters are said to be a significant account of that period.

Gulzar portrays Ghalib-the-man, warts and all, sympathetically, showing him as the witty, humorous intellectual that he was. Ghalib was also a broken man, living in penury for a better part of his life, but unwilling to give up his standard of living. He had amassed stacks of paper — and numerous debts.

Gulzar, in his own way, does justice to the poet's life and work. Some critics, however, contend that there was slight misrepresentation of facts and Ghalib was shown as a nationalist taking up arms against the British. This minor lapse is forgivable in view of the enchanting narrative woven by Gulzar.

Ghalib was a reactionary in word and deed, a man who was far ahead of his times. Naseruddin Shah, who plays Ghalib, juxtaposes the subtle nuances in the poet's character. Neena Gupta, a sensitive actress, plays the woman who loves Ghalib and his work. Her one-sided romance forms some of the best moments, in addition to Ghalib's best poems tuned to music, in the series, which is available in two cassettes.

The above movies are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya, Tel: 474-2900.

## KTV 1

## MORNING

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran  
9.40 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety  
10.00 Around The World: cartoon serial  
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.30 Shay Ismoh Al Hob:  
11.30 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety  
12.00 Circus: variety programme  
12.30 News Summary  
12.37 Holy Quran and Closedown

## EVENING

4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran

## KTV 2

## MORNING

4.15 The World Today via Satellite  
4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalatha: cartoon serial (Part 11)  
5.15 Football Lessons: Sports programme  
5.45 Night Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements  
6.00 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods: historical serial (Part 11)  
7.15 Live from the Grand Mosque for Ministry of Awqaf celebration of the Prophet Birthday  
8.30 Good Evening and Local News  
9.00 Arabic News  
9.45 Ahlan Ya Jiddo Al Aziz: Arabic serial

## KTV 2

## MORNING

10.30 Al Hani Wa El Harami: local play, starring: Suad Abdullah, Mohammed Al Mansoor, Khaled Obaid, Mansoor Al Mansoor and Mohammed Al Sree.  
1.15 News Summary  
1.20 The World Today via Satellite  
1.50 Holy Quran and Closedown

## KTV 2

## MORNING

6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran  
6.10 Voltron. A cartoon series for children

## KTV 2

## MORNING

6.30 Danger Bay. "After Dark" Nicolas has to face further difficulties by looking after Adam while shooting a video film in the aquarium...  
7.00 On The Wings Of Wind. "The Galapagos Islands" The second episode brings the "Aspasia Alpha" to the Galapagos Islands, Noah's Ark in the Pacific, off the coast of Ecuador, one of the last great animal sanctuaries of the world...  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Circus. A variety of acrobatics with breathtaking skills.

How a seal is trained to present shows on circus.

9.30 Wild Life On One. A look at cats, squirrels and monkeys how it faces the difficulties and hunts its feed...

10.00 Cine Club "The Competition". Presented by Farouk Abdulaziz. Starring: Richard Dreyfuss, Lee Remick, Amy Irving. An aging piano prodigy has one last shot at fame in a San Francisco piano competition.

12.00 News in Brief  
12.30 Magazine D'Actualite

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Baghdad Pharmacy, Abdulla Al-Salem Str.  
Al-Hakeem Pharmacy, Jaber Al-Mubarak Str.  
Hawalli & Nagra Pharmacy.  
Al-Waleed Pharmacy.  
Hawalli, Tunis St.  
Salmiya  
Al-Fidaa Pharmacy, Al-Khansaa Str.  
Fahadheel  
Al-Itihad Pharmacy, Mak-kah Str.  
Khalitan  
Khalitan Pharmacy, Khalitan Al-Jahra  
Al-Zahra Pharmacy, New Market.

## CINEMA

Fahadheel  
Arabic film  
Al Jahra  
Nightwars  
Granada  
Arabic film  
Salaibkhat  
Hundra  
Jleeb  
Black Fire  
Ahmadi Drive-in  
Arabic film.  
Al Andalus  
Young Guns  
Salmiya  
Moonstruck  
Al Hamra  
Arabic film  
Drive-In  
Arabic film  
Al Firdous  
Daata  
Fahadheel open  
Maa Beati

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## Embassy of Pakistan

The Embassy of Pakistan will remain closed on Thursday the 12th October, 1989 on account of Eid Milad-un-Nabi.

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.28 am
Zuhr	11.35
Asr	2.54 pm
Maghreb	5.22
Isha	6.39



## Bedouin wedding

GATHITH ALI SEEF held a wedding reception in Jahra recently.

Many of the family's friends attended the highly traditional wedding which was held in a tent close to the groom's house. The folklore dances carried on deep into the night.

Above: Some of the guests. Left: The groom

## SOCIAL

## Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salem Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel: 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

## Moods &amp; Melody

"Moods & Melody" performs "Geet Maala" — a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts

## Navellim Youth Centre

NOV 16: A annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945

## Breeze 89

Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

## Sheba Sound

SHEBA Sound, a classical quartet of oboes, bassoon and harpsichord, will perform at the Mousetrap Theatre on Oct 14, at 8.00 pm — price KD4; and at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 15, where the performance will include a sit-down dinner for KD9, inclusive.

Please ring 5382099 for reservation and look out for posters in Tanagra boutiques who are sponsoring the visit.

Bengali Cultural Society  
Bengali Cultural Society celebrates Bijoya on 12th October. For details contact 4315561, 5613014, 5617036.

## British Council

HEAVENLY Pursuits: Saturday, Oct 14 and Sunday, Oct 15 at 6.30 pm (91 min.). This is a gentle comedy which deals quietly, affectionately and sensitively with some controversial issues: faith versus science, belief versus scepticism, miracles versus the potential of men to rise above their

circumstances. The acting is excellent and the photography reveals a whole new side of Glasgow. It is enjoyable, interesting and leaves one feeling good when the credits roll.

Woody Woodpecker and His Friends: Wednesday, Oct 18 at 6.00 pm; Thursday, Oct 18 at 10.30 pm. Meet the fast-talking Woody Woodpecker and his friends: Buzz Buzzard, Chilly Willy, Wally Walrus and Andy Panda. Join them in their full-filled adventures and have a great time!

Free admission but please book seats by calling: 2515512, 2533204 and 2533227.

## Carnatic Music

THERE will be a Music Performance by Maharajapuram Santhanam on October 17, 1989. For your reservations contact Tel: 5627718 or 5631204 or 5612114.

## Sir Syed Day

Aligarh Muslim University old boys will celebrate Sir Syed Day on 26th October at 8 p.m. at SAS Hotel.

Competitions for all participating children will be held in various categories in fancy dress, painting, general and Islamic knowledge etc. Please contact Farid Chowdhury (Tel: 4842037/5623585), Zahoorullah Shah (5657479/4891275) Salman Siddiqui (3923393).

## Boys own club

Boys own club are happy to announce that they will organise their one day seven a side football festival on 12th of Oct. 1989 at Al Sour ground. The draw will be held at 6.30 am on the same day and the matches will start at 7 am sharp. This tournament has been sponsored by M/s Kuwait British Readymix Company.

Teams wishing to enter this tournament can contact Joe D'Souza on Tel. No. 4813622/25 ext. 147.

## Messilah Beach Hotel

HALLOWEEN Party to be held at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 31, 1989. For booking contact Recreation Office at 5624111 Ext. 751/739.

## Narthana

AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/24-61589/5643126.

## Bharat Mela

OCT 13: Bharat Mela '89, organised by UMO, continues on Oct 13 at the Indian embassy auditorium. The programme is as follows: 9 am — inter-school children's programme; 3 pm — symposium on "Democratic Socialism and Nehru"; 6 pm — a fancy dress competition for children. All are welcome.

## Kuwait Cultural Centre

NEW courses at the cultural centre: yogie healing classes, two sessions in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays; jujitsu (martial arts), Saturday and Mondays, pm; Chinese cooking classes, Saturdays, 9-11 am. For details call 5624393.

## Pakistan Peoples Club

THE Pakistan Peoples Club will hold a Milad Mahfil to observe Eid-e-Milad on Thursday Oct 12 at 1600 hrs at the residence of Nazeer Dogar. It was announced by Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mahesar. All new and old members are invited.

## Deep Dewali

OCT 19, at 7.00 pm: Indian Arts Circle. Funerals. Organised by Satkara, a musical evening with dances, songs and a brief comedy drama, to celebrate the festival of lights — Deepawali. For invitation cards, contact: Rajpal Tyagi, 5623545; Pushpender Sharma, 5620810.

## Kuwait Caledonians

THE annual general meeting will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel on Sunday, Oct 15, at 7.30 pm. All members welcome. For details Tel: 5335082.

## Bookkeeping and Accounting

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their self-improvement courses or the free classes. Bookkeeping and Accounting on Friday, Oct 20, at Far East Restaurant at 9.00 am. The courses will run for four Fridays and all successful participants will be awarded the Certificate of Attendance by the organisers. Lecturers for the courses are: Kapilku President Manny Inserto who will take up basic and advanced bookkeeping and accounting in banking. Finance Officer and Attache of the Philippine embassy Jun Arenas who will cover the complete government accounting specially in Taxation. Jun de Dios, Finance and administration Manager of EEI who will explain in details the financial accounting in construction company and the Administration side, Joe Sta.

Maria, Chief Accountant of EEI will cover construction accounting and financing the business and Delfin Yambot, chief accountant of KBC will discuss accounting in manufacturing business. All interested participants can register to VP Sarah Macarimbang on 4843447.

## Kuwait Little Theatre — Ahmadi

PRESENT their season opener fete — the KLT Karival. Over twenty-five stalls for all the family. Plenty of thrills and surprises in store. Thursday, October 12, at 2 to 5 pm in the theatre grounds. Entry is at the ridiculously low price of 250 fils for all age groups.

## Filipino Sing-along Contest

OCT 13 & 20, Nov 10 & 17: Aralya Restaurant will hold a Sing-Along Contest for Filipinos at 6 pm. A valuable prize will be given to the number 1 winner. If interested, please give your name and song title to 2428284/2402540. The finals will be held on November 24.

## Bengali dance drama

THE Bengali musical play "Nakshi Katha Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladeshi poet Jashimuddin will be staged at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 2 and 3. For details please

contact: Tel. 5625456, 4893424, 4744490, 4742656, 4315759, 3713923.

## Ladies International League

THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy social events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open yourself up to new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL. Attend the informal and fun monthly meetings and join in the social events and activities.

## Upcoming events

BAAZAR: 2 November 1989 (Kuwait International Hotel)  
1ST "BIG" MEETING: 6 November 1989 (Kuwait Regency Palace)

Watch the Arab Times for more information on LIL.

Ladies International League Bazaar: to be held Nov 2nd, Kuwait International Hotel from 10 am to 6 pm. All those

who want to be vendors, please call 5325131 from 10 am to 7 pm for further information.

Ladies International League Bazaar: to be held Thursday, Nov 2 at Kuwait International Hotel, Safat Room, from 10 am to 6 pm. Come and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Also, tents and Al Assaf Gifts (SAS Hotel) will be there. Raffle and door prizes.

## Nritha Santhi

NRITHA Santhi, an Abbasiya based Indian dance school will present an evening of classical, semi-classical and folk dances on Friday 13th October 1989 at 6.30 pm at the IAC Auditorium. Free entry passes can be had from the IAC Office, the Gulf Flower Supermarket/Gulf People Stores in Abbasiya and from Kuwait India International Exchange Company in Mirqat.

## Barefoot in the Park

THE Kuwait Players open their 1989/90 season with the comedy "Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon, directed by Ken Winston and produced by Glenis Muckie. The show opens with a gala performance on Oct 31, 1989 at 8 pm in the Mousetrap Theatre at the New English School. Tickets for the gala night performance at KD4,000 each, which includes a light buffet after the show. Tickets for other performances on Nov 1, 2, 3 and 4 are KD3,000 each. Reservations can be made by ringing 3903475.

## Hiyas ng Pilipinas

THE search is on for the selection of Hiyas ng Pilipinas — Kuwait 1989 in celebration of Philippine Community Day, a project of the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) in collaboration with the Philippine embassy. Criteria will be based on personality and talent of each candidate. Deadline for submission of entries will be on Friday, Oct 13 at Aralya Restaurant at 10.00 am. All interested participants can submit their entries to VP Sarah Macarimbang on 4843447 or to Jun Mercado on 4899478.

## HOTELS

Kuwait International  
Afternoon Tea: Served at La Patisserie from 3 pm to 6 pm. Offers the finest teas, delicious salmon and cucumber sandwiches, mouth watering pastries and not to forget those delicious scones, strawberry jam and lovely fresh cream. Pianist and harpist in the even-

## ings.

Perrier Promotion: For that tingling taste one can try Perrier Lemon, Perrier Lime, Perrier Lime and fresh kiwi juice, Perrier and apple juice or a variety of other creations. Served in all the outlets.

Fallaka: Daily Chef's Special for lunch and dinner. Special mezzeh buffet on Thursday evenings. Live entertainment during dinner.

La Palma: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Telephone: 2530000/2533000.

## Kuwait Plaza Hotel

NEW menus every day at Al Dallah Coffee Shop with variety of Oriental, Arabic and Continental dishes to suit everybody's taste. Enjoy more than thirty different appetizers, mezzeh, main course and dessert. A lavish buffet for KD2,995 only. Breakfast with a selection of more than 25 dishes to choose from and savour. Eat as much as you can with coffee and tea. It is the breakfast you like most for less 995 only.

MARCOPOLO: The Italian Restaurant in the heart of the city, features authentic Italian food with our resident Duo Stan and Alice who play your favourite songs and music.

## Messilah Beach Hotel

AL MUBARAKIAH: The only 24 hours restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local & continental specialties with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch & dinner plus A La Carte menu.  
AL JAWHARAH Super Night Club: Live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with a special buffet every Thursday night.

## SPORTS

At the Holiday Inn Health Club and Recreation Centre

SWIMMING lessons available all year round with qualified swimming instructors. Open to non-members. Mon-Tues-Wed 3.30 to 5.30, beginners, improvers, adults mixed keep fit classes. Wed 5-6 Thurs 6-7, Fri 12-1 noon and 1-2, Sat 5-6pm. Ladies keep fit Mon 5-6, Tues 5-6, Fri 5-6 n Sun 5.30 - 6.30. Martial arts

with black belt instructor Mon-Wed 6. Taskwondo Sat-Mon, 7-8 Thurs 5-6. Bowling alley available for private company and community tournament. Five squash courts. Squash handicap every Sunday start 6 pm — all standards, open to non-members. Squash coaching available from professional coaches everyday, from 1 pm. Massage for men and women. Gym facilities for men and women. Tennis courts — coaching available plus lots more. Phone for further details — recreation manager, 4742000 ext 6788 Julie Dent or 6700 recreation.

## Dunhill Bridge

THE Dunhill Bridge tournament 1989-90 begins on October 2 at the Messilah Beach Hotel. It will stretch over 17 weeks, time being 7.45pm every Monday. The best 9 scores will be considered and there are lots of prizes to be won.

## Aerobics

Aerobics with Chris Hill at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Mixed classes on Sundays and Tuesdays; 6.30 - 7.30 pm. Enquiries: 5624111 ext 751.

## Kuwait International

FIT FOR LIFE: Tennis coaching for ladies, juniors and seniors by Frank Novak — an experienced Canadian coach and tennis player. Enrolment on-going. Also fun tennis sessions for the family. Other classes are: Ladies keep fit, men's keep fit, yoga, judo, karate and taekwondo. Details with Antony Kingma at 2530000/8050.

## Children's sports

A CHILDREN'S sports festival will be held on Oct 27 at the University ground, Shuwaikh. All Bangladeshi children are eligible to participate. Each participant will be given a free T-shirt. Willing participants are requested to contact any one of the following telephones for registration: 4840759, 4710306, 4312989, 4312730, 5716586, 3714353, 3626646.

## Messilah Beach Hotel

YOGA and natural therapies: Yoga and natural therapies classes will be resuming 8th October on Sunday 5pm - 6pm and 11th October on Wednesday 9am - 10am. Five lessons at KD10, to register contact Recreation Office at 5624111 Ext. 751/739.

## Employee of the Month:

Adel Al Safri, telephone operator at Khiran Resort was chosen as the best Employee of the month for September 1989. The management of Khiran Resort presented him with a certificate of appreciation and a valuable gift. Photo shows: From right, Abdulatif Al Nuamani, reception manager; Adel Al Safri, telephone operator; Adnan Zeineddine, general manager; Kilah Al Neama, personnel manager.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Iraq port to get a boost

### Contract signed

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Oct 10, (AP): Iraq signed a 174 million-dinar (\$522 million) contract with a local firm today for expansion of its southern port of Umm Qasr.

Each of the new berths will be able to handle 250,000 tons of general cargo annually, raising the port's overall handling capacity to 16 million tons a year.

One of them will have roll-on, roll-off facilities, the first of its kind in Iraq.

The new berths are in addition to 10 currently under construction by another local contractor at a cost of \$6 million dinars (\$258 million).

Umm Qasr was built in 1961 with eight berths with a total capacity of 3 million tons a year. The port has gained increased

importance following the enforced closure of the main Iraqi port of Basra as a result of the Iran-Iraq war.

Even though hostilities in the eight-year conflict ended with a UN-sponsored ceasefire in August last year, Basra continues to be unusable because sunken ships block its access canal, the Shatt-Al-Arab.

The clearing of the waterway is one of the sticking points blocking progress towards a formal peace treaty.

The waterway forms the southernmost border between the two states. Iraq claims full sovereignty over its full width, while Iran maintains that an earlier treaty places the border along its median line.

Iraq insists the waterway should be cleared as a first step toward implementing other

provisions of the UN ceasefire agreement, such as the exchange of prisoners-of-war and a pull-back of troops to behind their own borders.

Iraq gives priority to the troop withdrawal issue and refuses to allow dredging operations to clear the canal until Iraqi troops withdraw from all Iranian territory.

Umm Qasr also was idled by the war, which raged only a few kilometres (miles) to the east. But it has been used extensively since the ceasefire.

Ali said in addition to expansion work at Umm Qasr, eight new berths have been inaugurated at Khor Al-Zubair, a port just south of Basra, linked to Umm Qasr via a 50-kilometres (30-miles) canal, which is currently being dredged to enable it to accommodate larger vessels.

### Dollar firms

## Selling pushes sterling down

LONDON, Oct 10, (Reuters): The pound sterling fell to 28-month lows today, an embarrassing market indication of government policy on the day the ruling Conservative Party opened its annual congress.

A wave of buying in late European trading helped it recover slightly but dealers said the currency looked frail and was vulnerable to further pressure.

Earlier intervention by the Bank of England had failed to put a steady floor under the pound, which at one stage fell through the psychologically important level of 2.95 West German marks for the first time since August 1987.

Its recovery was the side effect of remarks by US Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan, which lifted the dollar against the mark and pulled the British currency up with it.

Greenspan, speaking during a familiarisation visit to the Soviet Union, broadly emphasised the importance of central banks in the battle against inflation, remarks that were interpreted as meaning already-high US interest rates would remain.

This gave the dollar, beleaguered by two weeks of central bank intervention aimed at holding it down, a boost and helped sterling edge up because British interest rates are also high as part of government anti-inflation policy.

The wave of selling of the pound has prompted speculation that the government might have to raise bank base interest rates for the second time this month from 15 per cent at present, the highest level for eight years.

While currency markets see high interest rates defending the pound, investors fear a further rise will make credit so expensive it will choke industrial growth.

As the pound wobbled, the Financial Times/London Stock Exchange shed 28.2 points to close at 2218.8, despite a firm start on Wall Street from which London often takes a lead.

Sterling's current frailty reflects the fact that the market spotlight has focused on growing economic problems which recent concern about the unruly dollar has tended to overshadow, dealers said.

Britain's current account balance of payments deficit has ballooned this year to \$4.63 billion (\$2.9 billion) in the latest quarter, almost double what it was in the same period of 1988.

Inflation, although easing from a high of 8.3 per cent in May and June to a current annual rate of 7.3 per cent, is still worryingly high and investors fear it might be ratcheted higher by a wave of pay increase demands of around 10 per cent.

The pound closed at 2.9537 marks and \$1.5585 from an opening of 2.9617 and 1.5705 and a yesterday close of 2.9738 and 1.5775. Its trade-weighted index calculated by the Bank of England fell from an opening 89.8 to 89.0.

The dollar closed at 1.8960 marks and 143.90 yen from a finish yesterday of 1.8864 and 142.70.

## Economic policies praised

KUWAIT, Oct 10, (Kuna): A Kuwaiti newspaper today showered praises on the country's economic policies and condemned as unfounded some economic analysis which now and then talk about defects in the Kuwaiti economy.

According to the paper it would be an exaggeration to say the Kuwaiti economic policy has deftly tackled and survived key economic and financial tremors that left several states, including Gulf countries, badly hurt.

The paper, in an editorial, cited the country's handling of such delicate issues as oil prices and quota as well as financial crises that have had global impact.

The paper boasted that Kuwait's economy "was almost stronger than several economies of the industrialised world," adding that Kuwait's economic performance have been applauded by world class financial houses and economists.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Indian rupee.....	17.810
Sri Lankan rupee.....	7.560
Pakistani rupee.....	14.270
Bangladesh taka.....	9.120
US dollar.....	29860
Pound sterling.....	47200
UAE dirham.....	08126
Deutsche mark.....	15850
Japanese yen.....	002102

## KD bond issue planned

THE Commercial Bank of Kuwait is issuing KD bonds with a coupon of 8-5/8 per cent and a final maturity November 5, 1994 through a public offering arranged and managed by Kuwait International Investment Company. A number of financial institutions and banks have participated in the management of this issue.

This issue is the first KD bond issue in 1989 and it has attracted an overwhelming demand from the local investors. This strong demand was attributed to the issue being the first of its kind for the Commercial Bank of Kuwait and the investors' demand for bullet bonds with 5 years maturities.

In co-operation with the participating financial institutions and banks, Kuwait International Investment Company has widened the base of investors by allocating variable shares among the investors to ensure proper trading liquidity in the secondary market.

The bonds will be listed in the Kuwait Stock Exchange shortly. The official announcement in Kuwait Al Youm (the official gazette) was published in Sunday's edition of October 8, 1989, No. 1843.

### WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Oct 10, (Reuters): Shares slipped to a weaker close due to concerns about the performance of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp Ltd and a fall in London share prices on Monday. The All Ordinaries index fell 17.5 to 1755.8.

TOKYO: Market closed for Athletics Day.

HONG KONG: Strong institutional and overseas buying, tempted in by a sharp slide this morning, drove Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index up 17.33 points to a fifth consecutive post-June 4 high of 2,844.04.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed narrowly mixed after selected and speculative buying alternated with light profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index inched up 0.73 to 1,420.91.

FRANKFURT: Prices closed lower after profit-taking eroded early gains. But one dealer said it was unlikely that the market would surrender much of its recent advance. The 30-Share real-time Dax index slipped 3.14 to 1,636.41.

ZURICH: The market was slightly weaker on uncertainty triggered by marginally higher short-term interest rates. The All-Share Swiss performance index shed 2.00 to 1,194.5.

PARIS: Prices closed stronger after a busy session dominated by intense speculative interest in the merchant bank Paribas. The CAC-40 index gained 19.20 to 1,961.74.

LONDON: Equities were sharply lower after a consultant to a leading British brokerage house forecast that the FTSE 100 index would plummet to around 1,800 at some time next year. The index lost 28.2 to 2,218.8.

## Moscow opposes price freeze

MOSCOW, Oct 10, (Reuters): The Soviet Prime Minister asked parliament today to postpone a proposed price freeze to give it time to produce a comprehensive economic package.

Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, whose government faces accelerating wages and stagnant production, said a simple freeze on the prices of staples and consumer goods was not enough and that the country had to tackle its economic woes all at once.

"We must, comrades, come up with a fully comprehensive approach to the problem. It is impossible to solve anything only by (controlling) prices," Ryzhkov said.

The prime minister asked deputies to give the government more time — "10 days, a month" — to work out its final package. A vote on the request was expected later today.

Ryzhkov said opening up the market completely without real competition or controls would induce severe inflation, with prices shooting up as much as 10 times.

Instead, he advocated introducing elements of supply and demand while keeping a grip on most prices.

There is enormous pent-up demand for consumer goods in the Soviet Union. Citizens hold an estimated 400 billion roubles (\$640 billion at official rates) in savings banks and mattresses because stores are largely empty.

Many Western experts say regulated state prices must rise sharply to soak up the savings and help restore some balance to the embattled Soviet economy.

But a string of deputies, driven by what they said were voters' complaints, called for the immediate freeze, which also has the backing of the official trade unions.

"Prices grow and grow, like mushrooms," said Valentina Shevchenko, a deputy from Kiev. She said co-operatives had stepped into the market, pushing prices up 10 to 15 times above state-set levels.

But Ryzhkov told the parliament the country's economic performance could not support a price freeze while wages continued to rise.

In the three months ending in September income grew at a rate of 15.7 per cent while production increased at the rate of just one per cent, Ryzhkov said. Wages grew at an annual rate of 12.3 per cent in the first nine months of the year.

"We are not against people earning wages — any sum — but every rouble must be supported by goods produced. When it is a difference of 15 times, we must understand that balancing the market is impossible."

The government's proposal calls for controlling wages and public spending and includes measures to ease price hikes.

## More comprehensive Arab strategy needed

## Economists warn against overseas investments

KUWAIT, Oct 10, (AP): Prominent economists yesterday ended a three-day conference by warning against the risks of a "hostile political environment" to overseas Gulf investments.

Some 400 economists mainly from the Gulf Co-operation Council member states, along with the United States and Britain, were attending a symposium on the globalisation of financial markets and the impact this could have on GCC economies.

A final communique said the worldwide trend nonetheless had "positive" effects for the GCC countries.

Although the globalisation of markets involves several positive effects due to the unprecedented liberalisation of capital movement across geographical borders...

increasing miscellaneous risks have resulted from such trends including the creation of a hostile political environment to such investments.

The communique added: "This requires the building up of a foreign investments strategy on the level of governments, institutions and individuals with a view to diversifying risks and alleviating their impact."

The statement apparently was alluding to petrodollar surpluses accumulated by the Gulf countries from the oil boom years and invested abroad, mainly in Western countries. Varying estimates have put these figures at up to \$350 billion.

The remarks reflected the increasing calls in the Arab world arguing in favour of shifting part of these investments to safer

places following warnings by Western media that acquiring large stakes in Western firms by Arab investors could have political connotations.

These calls escalated after the British state watchdog monopolies and mergers commission last year forced the Kuwait Investment Office, the country's overseas investment arm, to reduce stock it had bought in the giant oil firm British Petroleum to a ceiling of 9.9 per cent. The Kuwaitis had built up a 21.6 per cent stake.

Kuwait is grouped with Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates in the GCC which is an alliance of the conservative Arab states of the oil-rich Gulf seeking to form a common market.

The symposium communique called on

the GCC countries "to prepare themselves to play their full role in the new international reality created by the integration of the world's financial markets."

This, it said, necessitated that the GCC countries "pursue a number of approaches including the merger of local financial institutions in order to upgrade their competitiveness in the world of giants and the comprehension of the new innovations and instruments."

Referring to the emergence of a unified European market after 1992, the communique said "coexistence with the world of international economic blocs necessitates that the GCC countries co-ordinate their fiscal and monetary policies within the framework of a more comprehensive Arab strategy."

## Kuwait, Abu Dhabi to continue to invest downstream

### Gulf bound to play a pivotal role in the world oil market

IF economic adjustment to lower oil

revenues and the uncertainties created by the Gulf war were the main constraints to growth in the 1980s, economic diversification and generating productive employment opportunities to a growing population are the challenges of the 1990s.

With the end of the war and a gradual surge in the world's demand for oil, the Gulf region is positioned to experience a decade of renewed economic growth, according to Gulf International Bank economist Henry Azzam.

The return of confidence to the Gulf market will translate into expansionary business and investment plans, relaxed consumer spending patterns and reduced need for cost cutting and slashing of labour force. Higher population growth in the six Gulf states will continue in the 1990s, albeit at slower rates than before, which together with an increase in the percentage of those in the age groups 15 and above and a more settled expatriate population should boost demand for real estate,

housing, social services and consumer products.

Development priorities of the forthcoming decade have already been identified. In short, these include mobilising private sector resources, economic diversification and creating jobs for the growing number of young Gulf nationals coming into the labour market from universities and school.

The role of the governments in directing the economies of the region remains, but the private sector will be called upon to build on the foundations laid by previous as well as future public sector expenditures.

A lot of emphasis is put on nationalisation of employment opportunities especially in the private sector. However, demand for certain skills will exceed indigenous supply for many years to come and expatriates will continue to have a clear role to play in the 1990s.

The critical obstacle to increasing employment of Gulf nationals in certain occupational categories remains the mismatch between educational

qualifications and skill requirements.

Azzam said the public sectors have dominated the economic scene of the Gulf over the past three decades. With around 60 per cent share of the region's GDP, the public sector remains the major contributor to future growth. Not only many of the major industries in the various Gulf countries are owned, controlled and operated by the respective governments and their agencies, but also public sector institutions own majority shares in many banking, communication, transport and utility establishments.

The Gulf countries have now reached a stage where the re-orientation of their economies from public sector based growth to private sector initiative has become a necessity.

Efforts to diversify the economic structure of the various Gulf countries have already started, but these will be greatly intensified in the coming decade.

Saudi Arabia is expected to strengthen further its petrochemical indus-

trial base, expand consumer product

industries and develop its virtually untapped huge mineral resources. Kuwait and Abu Dhabi will continue to invest downstream to derive more value from their oil. Bahrain will consolidate its role as a regional financial centre and Dubai will continue to grow as a trade and services centre.

Qatar will develop its enormous gas reserves to foster the region's energy intensive industries, while Oman will strengthen its agricultural and natural resource sectors.

He said GCC economic growth in the 1990s will continue to depend on the outlook of the world oil market. While the importance of Gulf oil may have declined compared to ten years ago, however the Gulf states still act as the custodians of huge low cost oil reserves, accounting for more than 50 per cent of the world's total.

With crude oil production of other producers assuming a declining trend in the 1990s, the Gulf countries are bound to play once more a pivotal role in the world oil market. The region will therefore retain its

strategic importance not only to Europe and Japan who depend on it for a significant portion of their oil revenues, but also to the USA who now imports more than 50 per cent of its crude oil requirements.

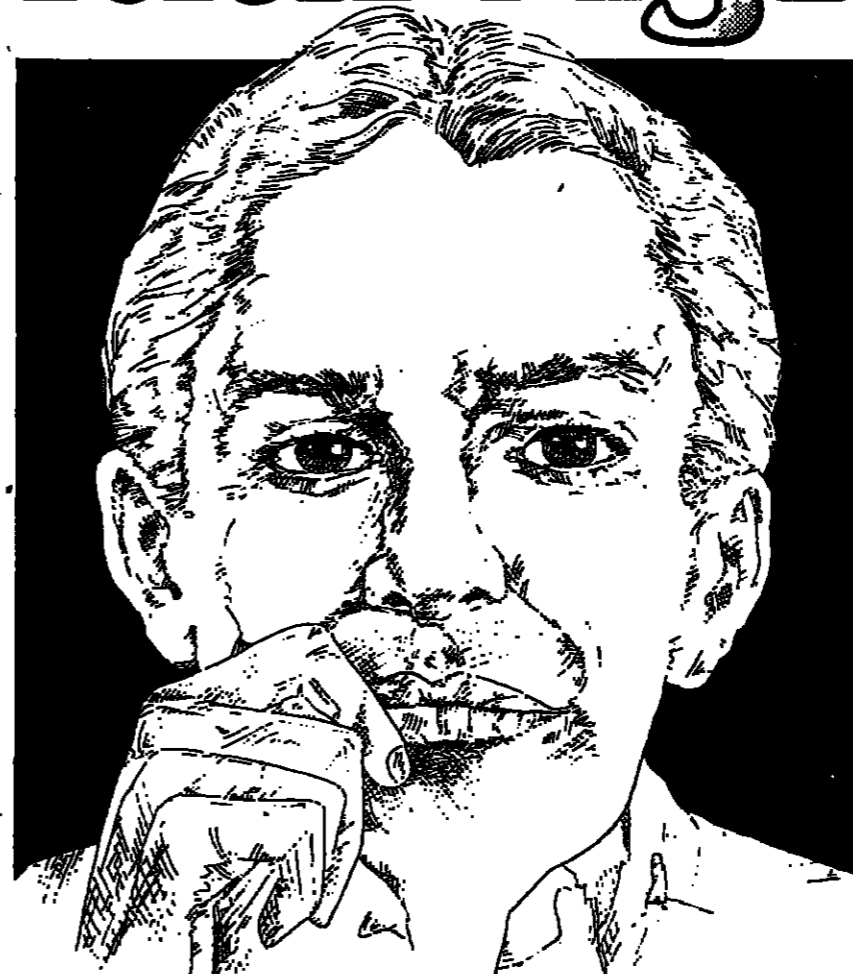
Excess supply conditions in the world oil market are expected to prevail in the early part of the next decade maintaining as a result a downward pressure on oil prices. A gradual improvement in the region's oil revenues will then follow as the world becomes increasingly more dependent on oil from the Gulf.

Opec is expected to monitor its pricing policies in order to consolidate recent gains and slow down the development of other energy resources.

Even though the percentage contribution of the oil sector to GDP has been decreasing in all the Gulf countries, the region is still considered over-dependent on its hydrocarbon resources for its future growth and development.

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## Kuwait, Abu Dhabi to continue to invest downstream

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To reduce the impact of fluctuations in world oil prices on the economies of the Gulf and sustain an internal momentum of growth in the 1990s, certain structural changes are expected to be pursued more forcefully. The most important of which are the progressive diversification of the region's productive base and re-orientation of the economy from public sector based growth to private sector initiative.

There are well promising opportunities for investments in the services sectors which contribute about a third of the region's GDP. The six Gulf states are big consumers of foreign services with roughly one fifth of total consumption being spent on important services.

Operations and maintenance is undoubtedly the biggest growth area, where the regional market in the 1990s is estimated to be worth more than \$10 billion a year. Other promising opportunities include health care, telecommunications, computers and data processing, technology transfer, human resources development, consulting, marketing, research, entertainment, information and general support services.

Privatisation of certain public sector enterprises is expected to feature as a major policy directive of the coming decade. Governments are expected to maintain their ownership of the region's heavy industries such as refineries, petrochemical, steel and aluminium, as these require a long time for the return of investments to

materialise and where marketing and capital structure are beyond the present abilities of the private sector.

In a region of 16 million people, projected to reach 27 million in the year 2000 with a per capita purchasing power among the highest in the world, it should be possible to identify a number of potentially viable projects.

Besides, there is ample wealth in the hands of the private sector, with estimates of the amounts invested abroad reaching \$150 billion, and the propensity to save in the region is quite high.

The structure of the Gulf countries economic growth in the 1990s will be shaped to a large extent by the expected changes in the region's population trends and attitudes. Based on World Bank's estimates, total national GCC population is projected to grow to 16 million in the year 2000 from 8.7 million in 1985.

All the Gulf states have very high birth and fertility rates. In the second half of the 1980s the average number of children born to a woman of child bearing age ranged from 4.6 in Bahrain to 5.4 in Kuwait, 6 in the UAE and 7.2 in Oman and Saudi Arabia.

The size of the non-national population in the region is also projected to increase from 7.6 million in 1985 to 11.6 million by the turn of the century. The rise is due more to family retention and natural population increase than to net inflow of migrant workers. Increasingly more non-nationals will be born in the GCC states than in the 70s and 80s.

Besides, the process of demographic settling, whereby more dependents (wives and children) of expatriate workers move to the host countries, will become more entrenched in the coming decade.

This will undoubtedly transform the structure of expatriate population of the region which was previously dominated by single males in the working age brackets (20 to 40) into a more normally balanced (by age and sex) community.

The proportion of total Gulf population aged less than 15 is projected to drop from current levels of around 43 per cent to 39.4 per cent in the year 2000, while the percentage of females in total population will also rise to 46 per cent in year 2000 from 40 per cent in 1985.

The slowdown in the GCC economies of the last few years has led to a more relaxed attitude towards family re-unification of expatriates. Migrant workers represent a major proportion of the domestic market for housing, consumer products and services. Increasing the number of migrant workers serves to expand this market. The consequences of these changes are likely to be a greater burden on the Gulf governments for social services and a drop in the level of remittances for those who are able to bring their families.

The often publicised gloom over employment prospects of expatriates in the Gulf has therefore, been over-exaggerated.

The completion of major infrastructural projects has released a large

number of unskilled and semi-skilled workers in the construction and supporting activities, many of which were repatriated back home. Although this labour intensive phase of the region's development is almost over, there is a steadily growing need for professionals and higher skilled workers in services, operation, maintenance and the emerging industrial sectors.

Demand for certain skills will exceed indigenous supply for many years to come. There will be, therefore, a clear continuing role for expatriates in the region during the next decade, albeit with a different skill composition and demographic structure than what was needed in the 70s and early 80s.

High population growth among nationals has resulted in an age structure marked by extreme youthfulness. In 1985, almost 50 per cent of the national population was under 15 years old, which implies that increasingly more Gulf nationals will be entering the labour market in the 1990s. Moreover, those new arrivals on the labour market will have higher educational attainments and aspirations than their parents.

Rising budget deficits will limit governments' ability to create increasingly more public sector jobs for new graduates as they had done in the past. The earlier policies had resulted in enormous overstaffing of government institutions. The new realities dominating Gulf labour markets in the 1990s would lead nationals to seek those opportunities available in the market place, namely

technical jobs and the more remunerative openings in the private sector.

The scope for Opec to raise its market share is expected to improve from the early 1990s, as non-Opec supplies peak and then go into decline, while world demand continues to rise. However, the next four to five years, will see continued pressure on Opec to maintain production and supply will prevail in the market until the mid 1990s when the world demand for Opec oil would have grown sufficiently to allow Opec members to produce at adequate levels commensurate with their financial requirements.

The 1990s could see the establishment of stock exchanges in the other Gulf states and broadening the activities of existing ones. The ultimate aim would be to set up a network of competing, yet complementary securities trading centres in the various Gulf countries, all connected electronically to a regional Gulf exchange that has separate listings in the different countries and where trading in shares of Gulf-wide owned companies takes place.

The GCC's recent decision to allow Gulf nationals to trade in the shares of any Gulf state as well as to set up joint venture firms provided a shot in the arm to the idea of a pan-Gulf stock market.

This will help widen the investment opportunities available, mobilise financial resources at the regional level and circumvent the limitations of small domestic markets.



Picture shows from (right to left) Makram Alameddine, Saad Nahas, Hussein Nuweis, Mohammad Zaatari, Said Khouri, Fahd Al Aathi, Raouf Abou-Zaki, Saad Dahlawi, Tarak Jaber.

## New firm elects board of directors

THE group owning the magazine Al Itkissad Wal-Azmal has created a holding company named "The International Group for Business". The new holding company held its general assembly at Abu Dhabi's Intercontinental Hotel, in which it elected the following board of directors:

Chairman: Said Khouri (Engineer); President of Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC) and executive president of Invest Bank (United Arab Emirates). Vice-Chairman: Raouf Abou-Zaki; Editor-in-Chief of the magazine Al Itkissad Wal-Azmal; Vice-Chairman: Hussein Nuweis; President of the Emirates Holding Company (Abu Dhabi); Vice-Chairman: Mohammad Zaatari; President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Saudi and the South (Lebanon); Members: Dr. Mohammad Abdo Yamani, Former Minister of Information in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Sheikh Fahd Al-Azhal; president of Fal Company (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia); Sheikh Mohammad Al Fureh, President of Al Saudi Al Hollandi Bank (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia); Saad Nahas, president of the Syrian Company for Transport and Touristic Marketing (Syria); Joseph Ghorra, president of the Unicem Industrial Company (Lebanon); Makram

Alameddine, president of the Micro Company for Financial Services (Geneva, Switzerland); Mohammad Doueidi, Financial Consultant.

The chairman, Said Khouri, is considered a well-known Arab businessman. He is the president of Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC) and executive president of Invest Bank in the United Arab Emirates.

Al Itkissad Wal-Azmal is an independent magazine, of joint Arab ownership, having among its shareholders a number of leading Arab businessmen and investors.

Raouf Abou-Zaki is Editor-in-Chief of the magazine which has its Gulf regional office in Dubai, in addition to bureaux in Paris, London and Beirut and a network of representatives and correspondents covering most of the world.

The magazine publishes a confidential newsletter, called "Al Azmal", in collaboration with the Financial Times.

Mid-east Markets. The newsletter is published every two weeks, and is distributed on a subscription basis only. The magazine also collaborates with Businessweek International in editing its International Section.

Iran tries to normalise post-war economy

## New exchange rate to break black market

NICOSIA, Oct. 10, (Reuters): Iran has introduced a new exchange rate in a move to break the country's currency black market and traders said the rial gained about eight per cent yesterday.

In an effort to normalise the post-war economy, the government will now let those businessmen importing goods for state-affiliated organisations buy unrestricted foreign currency at a new rate, called the "competitive rate".

This was 1,000 rials to the dollar on Sunday and Monday, compared with the official rate of 73 rials, and a black market rate of 1,250 when trading opened after the Muslim Friday holiday.

Ali Pakpoor, an Iranian foreign exchange trader, told Reuters by telephone from London that the rial had firmed on

the open or black market to 1,150 to the dollar on Monday.

He predicted however that the rial would not rise further because businessmen not covered by the plan would have to go to the black market for their hard currency needs.

Iran's state-owned Bank Tejarat on Sunday began selling foreign exchange to businessmen at the new rate and Tehran radio quoted the bank director as saying it would open letters of credit for importers with no restrictions at exchange rates set daily by the Central Bank.

The daily Tehran Times, a firm backer of President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani's economic policies, hailed the measure as a key factor in moving towards a freer economy.

The new regulation and other economic decisions showed the

government was determined to run away from an economy based on the ration system towards a more relaxed and healthier one. The Iranian news agency Irna quoted the paper as saying.

The Bank Tejarat director did not say how much foreign exchange was sold at eight participating branches but said the plan would continue and the bank was ready to triple the number of branches if there were more demand.

Eliminating red tape and providing quick hard currency to importers were the main advantages of the scheme, he said.

The rial has lost much of its value in the open market since the 1979 revolution and especially during the eight-year war with Iraq. Fighting ended

with a ceasefire in August 1988.

Iranian officials have so far rejected a formal devaluation of the currency as a solution to the multi-rate system which distorts prices of imports bought by different types of hard cash.

But Rafsanjani has pledged to end this situation. In a televised interview on Sunday he reiterated the need to unify the exchange rates to "help build up a healthy economic structure for the country".

In another decision announced on Sunday, the Central Bank said Iranian travellers were no longer required to register foreign money less than the equivalent of \$5,000 when entering or leaving the country.

Bigger amounts must be registered as before, as well as any sum in possession of foreigners crossing into or out of Iran.

## Strike hits Telegraph

LONDON, Oct. 10, (Reuters): Journalists at the Daily Telegraph began a 36-hour strike last night after the British newspaper announced plans to fire 33 editorial staff members and introduce a five-day working week.

A spokeswoman for the newspaper said a skeleton staff would continue to produce it and there were no plans to stop the presses during the strike by the National Union of Journalists (NUJ).

The NUJ called the stoppage over an old pay claim but a spokesman for the 300 strikers said the dispute was really about a longer work week and adequate compensation for journalists forced to spend more time at the office.

Daily Telegraph reporters currently work a nine-day fortnight and sub-editors a four-day week.

## GM may take stake in Jaguar

LONDON, Oct. 10, (Reuters): General Motors of the United States is considering taking a minority interest in British luxury carmaker Jaguar and exploring joint manufacturing ventures, Jaguar said in a statement today.

Share analysts said GM, the biggest motor manufacturer, might be aiming to thwart stake-building in Jaguar by its rival Ford, the world's number two.

Jaguar said it was discussing with GM the possibility of "entering into certain manufacturing, marketing and other commercial joint venture arrangements."

"As part of these arrangements, General Motors is considering taking a minority interest in Jaguar," it said.

Before the announcement, Jaguar shares closed at £6.85 (\$10.75) on the London Stock Market, a 46 pence (72 cents) drop from Friday as investors unloaded shares in the belief that the battle for "the big car" might be ending.

Shares in Coventry-based Jaguar have been strong since Sept 19 when Ford filed for permission to buy up to 15 per cent.

Jaguar said Ford's move was unwelcome, adding that it was willing to talk with car firms but insisting on retaining independence in any deal.

Analysts have said General Motors would be aiming for a stake of 30 to 50 per cent which would be more palatable for Jaguar than the possibility of an eventual full bid by Ford.

## Eurotunnel could need \$2.4b extra cash

### Project hit by inflation

LONDON, Oct. 10, (Reuters): Eurotunnel the consortium digging an underwater rail link between Britain and France, may need up to £1.5 billion (\$2.4 billion) in new bank financing to finish the project, its co-chairman said today.

But Eurotunnel needs to reach agreement with main contractor Transmanche-Link over construction costs before it can go to a syndicate of more than 200 banks which originally committed

funds to the project.

"There is no longer a question of should the project be built," Eurotunnel co-chairman Alastair Morton told reporters.

He vowed the consortium would never request British government assistance to complete the link scheduled to open by June 1993.

Eurotunnel said last week the project's estimated cost had risen by 40 per cent to about £7 billion (\$11 billion).

If Eurotunnel and Transmanche agreed on an extra £1 billion (\$1.58 billion) as the estimated completion cost, Eurotunnel would expect to seek a £1.1 billion to £1.5 billion (\$1.7 to \$2.4 billion) refinancing package, Morton said.

"I hope it will be at the lower end of the range," he told a news conference called to announce the group's half-year statement and independent traffic and

revenue forecasts.

Earlier Morton told Reuters a £350 to £400 million (\$550 to \$600 million) rights issue would be announced in the first quarter of next year.

The 31-mile (50-km) link under the channel comprises two rail tunnels and a maintenance tunnel. The project has been hit by high inflation, construction delays and rising costs of components such as rolling stock.

## Moscow becomes big Turkish tea market

ANKARA, Oct. 10, (Reuters): The Soviet Union, whose 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant blast affected Turkey's Black Sea tea-growing area, has become a major market for Turkish dry tea, tea officials said.

"We will sell the Soviet Union 25,000 tonnes of tea this year and plan to sell them even more next year," Sureyya Turgut the Turkish Tea Board's deputy director-general, told Reuters.

The 25,000 tonnes destined for the Soviet Union after nil exports in 1988 represent just over one-sixth of Turkey's estimated total dry tea production of 143,000 tonnes this year, down from 165,000 in 1988 and 157,000 the previous year.

Tea Board officials said total 1989 exports, including 3,000 tonnes to Britain, were likely to be 32,000 tonnes, up sharply from 183 tonnes in 1988 and 177 tonnes the previous year.

"After the Chernobyl accident our tea exports were almost down to zero until 1988. But from the end of last year radioactivity levels in our tea fell to levels below those accepted by the European Economic Community," Turgut said.

The rise in exports to the Soviet Union is due in part to glasnost, which has led to greater domestic Soviet demand for tea, he said.

One shipment has already gone to the Soviet Union and a further 18 or 19 vessels will take the remainder, Turgut said.

Exports in the first nine months of this year to countries including West Germany, Pakistan and the United States totalled 2,889 tonnes worth \$3.4 million.

Increased exports despite falling production follows a decline in domestic tea sales following the Chernobyl accident.

## Platinum discoveries

MUSCAT, Oman, Oct. 10, (AP): Platinum discoveries in the remote mountain ranges of northern Oman could prove to be a major export revenue earner, a senior minerals department official said today.

"These are important finds," said director-general of minerals Mohammed Qassim. "Preliminary research in the mountainous areas from Qurayt on the coast near Muscat to the United Arab Emirates border indicates a high content of precious metal."

Oswal to address investors conference

## Bindal Agro hints at 50 pc dividend

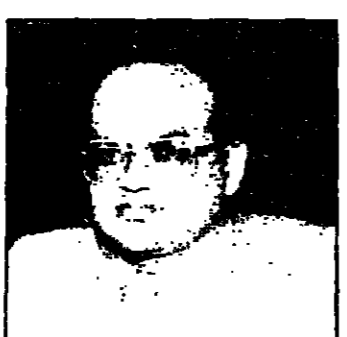
ABHEY Oswal, Chairman of Oswal group of companies, which dubbed the Dhruv Abhiyan of North India, is pinning hopes on Indians abroad to come to his aid when his mega issue of Rs. 5 billion hits the market on Oct 19, 1989. He is targeting for Rs. 500 million from NRIs.

This is the second largest of mega issues worth about Rs. 5 billion coming to the market in the next few weeks. The largest, Larsen & Tubro for Rs. 8 billion, is not offered abroad.

Oswal, under the banner of his Bindal Agro Chem Ltd., is embarking on the task of setting up the sixth and last of the HJB gas based projects at Shahjahnpur, 250 km from Lucknow, and the mega issue is to finance the bulk of the Rs. 6.75 billion project.

Oswal arrived here last night to address an investors conference today at 7.30 pm at Kuwait Meridian in connection with the Bindal Agro Chem Ltd. public issue for the NRIs.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi laid the foundation stone on the first of



Abhey Oswal

September for the first major green-field project of the Oswal group, which is expected to yield an annual turnover of Rs. 3.74 billion. The country Oswal said, will save Rs. 25 billion in foreign exchange on fertiliser import and put to productive use some Rs. 1.5 billion worth of gas now being flared.

Bindal has appointed the Projects and Development India Ltd (FDIL)

as prime engineering consultant which also prepared the project report for the Indo Gulf Fertiliser. But in this case the project cost has been cut by Rs. 250 million while both are projected to produce 7,76,000 tonnes of fertiliser at a daily rate of 2,200 tonnes of urea and 1,350 tonnes of ammonia at 200 per cent capacity utilisation.

But Bindal is projecting profits several times higher (even going by the government's 'normative' formula at Rs. 1.06 billion) by keeping institutional borrowing to the minimum (debt/equity ratio is 2.5:1 against 3.5:1 for similar projects). The profitability potential has also been enhanced by the recent changes in depreciation rules, giving the company a higher net worth, Oswal said.


Project financing is done through a combination of rights and public issues, under which a Bindal shareholder receives minimum 25 (2.5 per cent) convertible debentures (ultimately 100 shares) on an investment of Rs. 5,000.

The new investors will have to

apply for minimum of 50 debentures. The conversion, at a premium of Rs. 40 will take place in two stages at the end of six and 18 months in the case of rights and at the end of six, 18 and before 36 months from the date of allotment for the public. The Bindal share had touched a low of Rs. 90 and a peak of Rs. 120 and is now trading at around Rs. 115.

The project, to come up on 991 acres, stand to gain from various incentives from the state and central governments. Apart from the central investment subsidy for backward district projects, sales tax exemption for six years and rebate and power concessions all will go to add up to a profit of Rs. 1.3 billion after income tax each year on full capacity utilisation, Oswal said.

The Oswal Group, consisting of Oswal Agro, Bindal Agro and Oswal Agro Fertiliser, has interests spread over sugar, low density plastics and petrochemicals. The group companies have been paying dividend at the rate of 50 per cent for the last several years.



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EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Oct 10, (AP): Art Shell, the first black man to be a head coach in the modern-era National Football League, says his race is not an issue.

"In this organisation there is no black and white," Shell said after the Raiders made his coaching debut a success by defeating the Jets 14-7.

An NFL Hall of Famer and member of the Raiders organisation for 22 years, Shell had made just one promise. His team would play old-style Raider football. They would put out 100 per cent and be tough.

Against the Jets, the Raiders did just that. It was a pretty. But it did turn out to be a victory when Eddie Anderson returned an intercepting 87 yards for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

"It was a great moment for us to win," Shell said with his wife Janice standing at his side. "It elevated this team. It was good to see them feeling good about themselves again. It had been a while since we felt that way."

The Raiders came close to losing that feeling in the closing moments as the Jets staged a final drive and reached the Los Angeles 15 with nine seconds to play.

"Those last two minutes felt like two hours," said Shell who made one big decision in the closing minutes, electing to let the Raiders go for a first down with a fourth-and-1 at the Jets 34 with about three minutes to play.

Shell called quarterback Jay Schroeder and his coaches together.

"I asked the defensive coaches what would happen if we didn't make it," Shell said. "They said everything would be fine. Once they said OK, I said go for it. I just wanted input from everyone. That's the way I want to do things."

Several things were obvious in Shell's debut. He is basically a quiet man. He does not walk up and down the sidelines ranting and raving.

His most outward actions were hand waves to Raiders on good plays and a pat on the helmet to players coming off the field.

Of course, officials got some abuse.

Back judge Tim Mills was followed up the sidelines by Shell after reconsidering a pass interference call against James Hasty of the Jets early in the fourth quarter with the score tied 7-7.

## KBRC Trophy

BOY'S Own Club have announced that the draw for the KBRC Trophy seven-a-side football festival will be held on Oct 12 1989 at 6.30 am at the Al Souf Ground. The games will start at 7 am.

This tournament has been sponsored by Tony White, general manager of Kuwaiti-British Ready Mix Company.

Chief guest for this festival will be V.K. Vohra, president Blue Wings Sporting Club.

The tournament will be officiated by the Indian Football Referee's Association.

Teams wishing to enter this tournament can contact Joe D'Souza on tel. 4813622/25 ext. 147.

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Vance Mueller ran 19 yards to the Raiders' 27, then Jay Schroeder hit Mervyn Fernandez on an out pattern. Fernandez eluded Bobby Humphrey and Erik McMillan in the secondary, streaked down the right sideline, then cut toward the middle to complete a 73-yard touchdown on his only reception of the game.

It was the sixth straight game that Fernandez had gotten into the end zone — he is averaging 23.3 yards on his 18 catches this season.

The Jets came right back, overcoming the errors that victimised them in the first half. They went 97 yards in 15 plays, sparked by a 23-yard completion to Billy Griggs and a 26-yarder to Jojo Townsell on third down.

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Anderson picked off Ken O'Brien's pass at the 13, seemed stopped near the 30, broke Griggs' weak attempt at a tackle and headed for the sideline. O'Brien was the only Jet within range but couldn't catch the safety.

It was Anderson's first interception this season and the first touchdown of his four-year career.

On the game's final possession, O'Brien led New York to the Los Angeles 11, but the Jets were penalised for holding and he threw an incomplete pass in the end zone on the final play.

Meanwhile, Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly is expected to be out of action for at least three games with the first serious injury of his five-year pro career.

Kelly suffered a separated shoulder in the Bills' 37-14 loss to Indianapolis Sunday when the 300-pound (136-kilogramme) Jon Hand smashed him to the Hoosier Dome's artificial turf.

The injury is expected to sideline Kelly for at least three weeks.

"They don't know how long it's going to be (before it heals)," Kelly said yesterday. "It could be four weeks, maybe six, maybe three."

All Kelly knows is that "it was painful. It's sore, but you expect it to be."

The loss of Kelly, who was on the way to having his best NFL season, capped an abysmal day

for the Bills, who were drubbed by the Colts 37-14.

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The defense, which was expected to carry the Bills back into the AFC championship game and possibly get them to the Super Bowl this season, has allowed an average of 28 points per game.

But the biggest problem Buffalo faces is replacing Kelly, who had thrown eight touchdowns in the two games prior to Sunday.

Frank Reich, Kelly's backup for the past three seasons, finished Sunday's game. He also will start next Monday night against the unbeaten Los Angeles.

"I have a lot of confidence in Frank Reich," Kelly said. "He's going to do a good job. He's just got to get the time to pass."

"We need everybody behind him (Reich). We don't need anybody writing to the paper saying, 'get rid of this guy and put somebody else in there.' I think Frank given the opportunity to work with the first team all week, (and providing) he does get the time to throw, will be all right."

Reich said he doesn't expect "to come in and do everything that Jim Kelly can do. I think I can come in and execute the offense, but it's going to take a team effort for us to win."

Injuries have now become a major factor in the league.

Mike Ditka has always believed that his Chicago defense would remain solid as long as its central triangle of tackles Dan Hampton and Steve McMichael and middle linebacker Mike Singletary remained intact.

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LONDON, Oct 10, (AP): Jan Timman of the Netherlands held Jon Speelman of England to a draw yesterday in a marathon 116-move battle and retained his one-point lead in the World Chess Championship Candidates tournament.

The two had played the fifth game of eight on Sunday and Timman now leads 3-2. A win scores one point and a draw a half.

Play in their semifinal had been adjourned after six hours play on Saturday night when Speelman sealed his 64th move in a position well known as a technical draw, but where Speelman could test Timman's defensive technique for many moves.

But Timman, well-primed after analysis of the position, rattled off his moves confidently yesterday until Speelman gave up and offered a draw on the 116th move.

"I think I suffered more than he did," Speelman said after the game. "I was the one trying to press."

The winner of the candidates' cycle will challenge world champion Garry Kasparov for his title in a 24-game contest beginning in October 1990. The winning semifinalists will face off in the candidates' final next March.

In the other semifinal, former world champion Anatoly Karpov leads fellow Soviet Artur Yusupov 2.5-1.5 after four games.

The Soviets are one game behind because Yusupov took a timeout on Sunday postponing his fifth game with Karpov until this evening.

The sixth game between Speelman and Timman is also scheduled for this evening.

In the adjourned position, Speelman had a king, a rook and a bishop, while Timman had a king, a rook and a pawn.

Two moves after the resumption of play, Timman gave up the pawn to reach an ending where Speelman, playing white, tried to surround his opponent's king by utilising his extra bishop.

Swedish grandmaster Ulf Andersson, who is in London acting as Timman's chief second, has twice found out victories in this position.

Timman's camp was worried placed to prepare the correct defensive formation before play resumed.

Further match ends in a 4-4 tie, two further games will be played, followed if necessary by sudden-death tiebreakers played at increasingly high speeds.

Irish jockey  
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DUBLIN, Oct 10, (Reuters): Irish champion jockey Michael Kinane, \$170,000 richer after scooping Europe's two biggest racing prizes last weekend, is to stay with Irish trainer Dermot Weld next year.

"I will ride for Dermot Weld next season but there is always the possibility of change in the future," he said on return to headlines greeting him as "The magnificent million man."

Last weekend he took just four minutes to earn \$1.7 million for his owners and collect about \$170,000 for himself.

On Saturday, the six-times Irish champion jockey landed the Cartier Million for two-year-olds at Dublin's Phoenix Park and then rode Carroll House to victory in Sunday's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

Asked if he had been invited to ride for any of the leading British stables, the 30-year-old from Tipperary said: "There were a few nibbles but I am still here."

## Evert ends tennis career on high note

TOKYO, Oct 10, (Reuters): After 25 years on the women's tennis treadmill, Chris Evert sat back in her chair in Tokyo having shared in the United States' Federation Cup triumph and admitted she could scarcely wait to put her feet up.

Retirement affects people in different ways but for Evert, after what she described as "an intense 25 years," the thought of a relatively quiet life was clearly an appealing one.

"I just want to relax a bit now," she said, sitting next to Martina Navratilova, a friend and rival with whom she dominated women's tennis for a decade, after the pair had steered the US to a record 13th Federation Cup success.

There remains the faint possibility that Evert may play the odd tournament in future but, in Tokyo at least, she was content to dwell on her glorious past.

"I think the most exciting match that I still remember was when I was 15 and I beat Margaret Court in Charlotte, North Carolina, when she had just won the Grand Slam," she said.

"I remember beating Tracy Austin at the US Open in the semifinals because I had lost to her five times in a row but I'm terrible with years and don't remember if it was 1980 or 1981. And then I remember my two French (Open) victories over Martina," she said.



Evert won 18 Grand Slam titles

The 34-year-old legend did not look like a woman on the way out

yesterday as she gave a vintage display of accurate, consistent

baseline tennis to vanquish a girl half her age.

She beat the 10th-ranked player in the world, Conchita Martinez of Spain, 6-3 6-2 in 81 minutes to set the United States on their victory roll.

"(This win) means a lot," said Evert. "What better way to end (my career) than when you're playing for your country on a great team with good friends?"

"If this is it, I sure think I am going out on the highest note possible."

Evert is bidding farewell to an 18-year-old career that few youngsters can ever hope to rival. She has won 18 Grand Slam titles, placing her third in the record books behind Margaret Court with 26 and Helen Willis Moody with 19.

She has won 157 professional singles titles — more than any other woman player — and at the Australian Open in 1984 she became the first player, male or female, to pass the landmark of 1,000 singles victories.

Her overall record at the end of this year's US Open stood at 1,304 singles matches won, against 146 lost.

She holds the record for consecutive matches won on a single surface with 125 wins on clay courts from August 1

# Standings

LONDON, Oct 10, (UPI): World Soccer Cup results and standings before tomorrow's European Group qualifying matches:

Group One										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Romania	3	1	0	7	1	7				
Denmark	4	2	2	1	3	6				
Greece	4	0	2	2	1	2				
Bulgaria	4	0	1	3	2	7				

Previous matches: 1988: Oct 19 — Greece 1, Denmark 1; Oct 19 — Bulgaria 1, Romania 3; Nov 2 — Denmark 1, Bulgaria 1; Nov 2 — Romania 3, Greece 0; 1989: April 26 — Greece 0, Romania 0; April 26 — Bulgaria 0, Denmark 2; May 1 — Romania 1, Bulgaria 0; May 17 — Denmark 7, Greece 1.

Group Two										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
England	5	3	2	0	10	0	8			
Sweden	5	3	2	0	7	3	8			
Poland	3	1	1	1	3	2	2			
Albania	5	0	0	5	2	13	0			

1988: Previous matches: Oct 19 — England 0, Sweden 0; Oct 19 — Poland 1, Albania 0; Nov 5 — Albania 1, Sweden 2; 1989: March 8 — Albania 0, England 2; April 26 — England 5, Albania 0; May 7 — Sweden 2, Poland 1; June 3 — England 3, Poland 0; Sept 6 — Sweden 0, England 0; Oct 8 — Sweden 3, Albania 1.

Group Three										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Soviet Union	7	3	3	1	9	4	9			
Austria	6	2	3	1	6	6	7			
East Germany	6	2	3	1	6	6	7			
Iceland	8	1	4	3	6	11	6			
Turkey	6	2	3	1	9	8	5			

Previous matches: 1988: Aug 31 — Iceland 1, Soviet Union 1; Oct 12 — Turkey 1, Iceland 1; Oct 19 — Soviet Union 2, Austria 0; Oct 19 — East Germany 2, Iceland 0; Nov 2 — Austria 3, Turkey 2; Nov 30 — Turkey 3, East Germany 1.

1989: April 12 — East Germany 0, Turkey 2; April 26 — Soviet Union 3, East Germany 0; May 10 — Turkey 0, Soviet Union 1; May 30 — East Germany 1, Austria 1; June 14 — Iceland 0, Austria 0; Aug 23 — Austria 2, Iceland 1; Sept 6 — Austria 0, Soviet Union 0; Sept 6 — Iceland 0, East Germany 3; Sept 20 — Iceland 2, Turkey 1; Oct 8 — East Germany 2, Soviet Union 1.

Remaining matches: Oct 25 — Turkey vs Austria; Nov 8 — Soviet Union vs Turkey; Nov 15 — Austria vs East Germany.

Group Four										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
West Germany	5	2	2	0	3	1	6			
Holland	5	2	2	0	3	1	6			
Finland	5	1	3	4	13	3	3			
Wales	4	0	2	2	2	4	2			

Previous matches: 1988: Sept 14 — Finland 0, West Germany 4; Sept 14 — Holland 1, Wales 0; Oct 19 — West Germany 0, Holland 0; Oct 19 — Wales 2, Finland 2.

1989: April 26 — Holland 1, West Germany 1; May 31 — Wales 0, West Germany 0; May 31 — Finland 0, Holland 1; Sept 6 — Finland 1, Wales 0; Oct 4 — West Germany 5, Finland 1.

Group Five										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Yugoslavia	6	4	2	0	13	5	10			
Scotland	6	4	1	1	11	8	9			
Norway	6	3	2	1	9	7	8			
France	6	1	3	2	5	7	5			
Cyprus	6	0	1	5	5	16	1			

Previous matches: 1988: Sept 14 — Norway 1, Scotland 2; Sept 28 — France 1, Norway 0; Oct 19 — Scotland 1, Yugoslavia 1; Oct 22 — Cyprus 1, France 1; Nov 2 — Cyprus 0, Norway 3; Nov 19 — Yugoslavia 3, France 2; Dec 11 — Yugoslavia 4, Cyprus 0.

1989: Feb 8 — Cyprus 2, Scotland 3; March 8 — Scotland 2, France 0; April 22 — Scotland 2, Cyprus 1; April 29 — France 0, Yugoslavia 0; May 16 — Norway 3, Cyprus 1; June 14 — Norway 1, Yugoslavia 2; Sept 6 — Norway 1, France 1; Sept 6 — Yugoslavia 3, Scotland 1.

Remaining matches: Oct 28 — Cyprus vs Yugoslavia; Nov 15 — Scotland vs Norway; Nov 18 — France vs Cyprus.

Group Six										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Spain	6	5	0	1	14	1	10			
Rep of Ireland	6	3	2	1	5	2	8			
Hungary	6	2	3	1	6	6	7			
N Ireland	7	2	1	4	6	9	5			
Malta	7	0	2	5	3	16	2			

Previous matches: 1988: May 21 — Northern Ireland 3, Malta 0; Sept 14 — Northern Ireland 0, Republic of Ireland 0; Oct 19 — Hungary 1, Northern Ireland 0; Nov 16 — Spain 2, Republic of Ireland 0; Dec 11 — Malta 2, Hungary 2; Dec 21 — Spain 4, Northern Ireland 0.

1989: Jan 22 — Malta 0, Spain 2; Feb 8 — Northern Ireland 0, Spain 2; March 8 — Hungary 0, Republic of Ireland 0; March 23 — Spain 4, Malta 0; April 26 — Hungary vs Malta; April 26 — Malta 0, Northern Ireland 2; April 26 — Republic of Ireland 1, Spain 0; May 28 — Republic of Ireland 2, Malta 0; June 4 — Republic of Ireland 2, Hungary 0; Sept 6 — Northern Ireland 1, Hungary 2.

Remaining matches: Nov 15 — Spain vs Hungary; Nov 15 — Malta vs Republic of Ireland.

Group Seven										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Belgium	6	4	2	0	12	2	10			
Czechoslovakia	6	4	1	1	10	3	9			
Portugal	6	3	2	1	9	8	8			
Switzerland	6	3	1	2	6	8	7			
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	4	16	0			

Previous matches: 1988: Sept 21 — Luxembourg 1, Switzerland 4; Oct 19 — Czechoslovakia 2, Oct 19 — Belgium 1, Switzerland 0; Nov 16 — Czechoslovakia 0, Belgium 0; Nov 16 — Portugal 1, Luxembourg 0.

1989: Feb 15 — Portugal 1, Belgium 1; April 24 — Portugal 2, Czechoslovakia 1; May 10 — Czechoslovakia 4, Luxembourg 0; May 31 — Luxembourg 0, Belgium 5; June 7 — Switzerland 3, Portugal 0; Sept 16 — Belgium 3, Czechoslovakia 1; Portugal 2, Oct 6 — Czechoslovakia 2, Portugal 1.

Remaining matches: Oct 25 — Belgium vs Luxembourg; Oct 25 — Switzerland vs Czechoslovakia; Nov 15 — Czechoslovakia vs Switzerland; Nov 16 — Portugal vs Luxembourg; Nov 16 — Portugal vs Czechoslovakia.

Top two teams qualify in the five nation groups, top one qualifies in remaining three groups plus two best second-placed teams according to points or goal difference.

# Danes hope for big win in key Romania match

COPENHAGEN, Oct 10, (Reuters): Danish trainer Sepp Piontek is looking to his talented forwards to maintain their goal-hungry recent form at Romania's expense in tomorrow's World Cup qualifier.

His young front runners have featured heavily in their side's last four home matches in which Denmark have

scored 18 goals.

With Michael Laudrup, on good form in Barcelona's 3-1 win against Real Madrid on Saturday, brothers Brian and Flemming Povlsen and Luton striker Lars Elstrup to call on, Piontek is justifiably hoping for a big win to boost morale before next month's return game in Bucharest.

Elstrup, in particular, has attracted his manager's attention. "He's been impressive in the last couple of days' training, especially in front of the goal," Piontek said.

The Danes have not lost a major international on their home ground since 1982, but have great respect for the Romanian attack, led by

Charleroi's recent signing Rodion Camataru, Europe's top scorer in 1987. He will be joined by the talented pair Gheorghe Hagi, known as "The Balkan Maradona," and Dorin Mateu.

Sieaua Bucharest, who won the European Cup in 1986 and lost in the final last year, and leading rivals Dyn-

amo provide the nucleus of a squad whose defence have given away only one goal in four matches against Greece and Bulgaria.

Romania head European Group One, one point ahead of Denmark, who they meet again in Bucharest on November 15. Only the group winners are sure of a berth in the finals in Italy.

Piontek has made only two changes to the squad who drew 1-1 in a friendly in the Netherlands in September, bringing in Kim Vilfort and John Jensen in place of Per Frimann and Johnny Molby.

Romania lost 2-0 to Czechoslovakia in their last match, a friendly one month ago.

# Van Basten returns from injury Dutch seek to rout Wales



Van Basten (right) helps some of his teammates to stick together during training. (Reuters wirephoto)

WREXHAM, Wales, Oct 10, (Reuters): European Footballer of the Year Marco van Basten returns from injury to a place on the substitutes' bench tomorrow when the Netherlands bid to ease their way to next year's World Cup finals with a convincing victory over Wales.

Van Basten, the striker whose goals carried the Dutch to their European championship triumph last year, returned to Italian League action with AC Milan on Sunday after missing most of the season because of a knee injury.

But he is unlikely to force his way into the Dutch team for a European Group Four qualifying tie they must win handsomely if they are to keep alive their hopes of ousting West Germany as group leaders and seizing a place in Italy next summer.

Dutch coach Thjis Libregts has reportedly told Van Basten he does not intend breaking up his front pairing of Wim Kieft and John Bosman against Wales and the Milan striker will have to be content with a place as sub-

stitute.

Wales are already out of contention for a place in the finals in a group which West Germany lead with seven points from five games.

The Netherlands are second with six points from four and know victories in their final ties here against Wales and at home to Finland next month will clinch their finals place.

If they slip up they could still qualify as one of the second-placed teams with the best records in the European qualifying groups.

The Dutch will be without captain Ruud Gullit, defender Erwin Koeman and gifted midfielder Gerald Vanenburg, but versatile Frank Rijkaard is expected to be fit after missing training yesterday because of a foot infection.

His presence could prove vital in what promises to be a tough and abrasive clash with the Welsh playing for their pride and their individual futures.

Welsh coach Terry Yorath

said: "We know we won't be going to Italy, but the team that plays tomorrow is playing for its future — for the 1992 European championship."

"Obviously the Dutch are going to miss Gullit, but they are not short of quality. They are the strongest team in the group, providing they are allowed to play the way they like to. We have to try and stop them."

Wales, also hit by injuries and suspensions, will be without captain Kevin Ratcliffe in defence and strikes Ian Rush and Mark Hughes in attack.

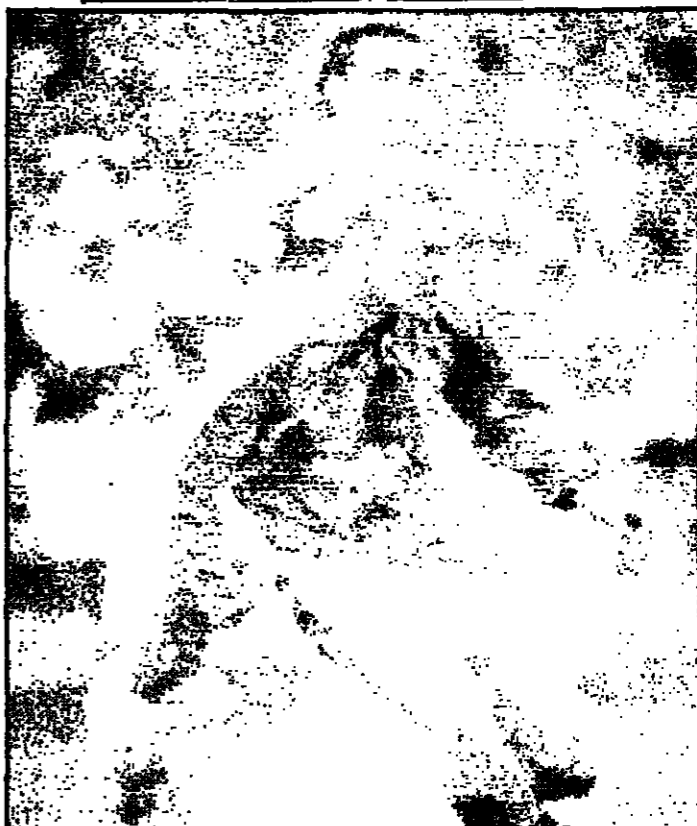
Probable teams:

Wales — Neville Southall, Mark Bowen, Clayton Blackmore, David Phillips, Peter Nicholas, Gavin Maguire, Barry Horne, Geraint Williams, Dean Saunders, Andy Jones, Malcolm Allen.

Netherlands — Hans van Breukelen, Graeme Rutjes, Berry van Aerle, Ronald Koeman, Frank Rijkaard, Wim Hofkens, John van 't Schip, Aron Winter, Jan Wouters, Wim Kieft, John Bosman.

# Scots need one point to qualify

France hit by injuries



Mo Johnston (right): could trouble France

PARIS, Oct 10, (Reuters): Scotland could not be accused of lack of ambition as they prepare for tomorrow's World Cup qualifier with France in Paris, needing just a point to guarantee a place in next year's World Cup finals in Italy.

Scottish manager Andy Roxburgh insisted his team would not sit back in defence and play for a draw. "We're here to get two points," he said.

Even against Michel Platini's new-look French team that could be a tall order, France have never lost a World Cup match at the Parc des Princes and have not been beaten there by another Western European side for more than 15 years.

When Scotland beat France 2-0 in Glasgow last March to enhance their chances of reaching the finals for the fifth time in a row, the scorer of both goals was Mo Johnston, then with French club Nantes but now of Glasgow Rangers.

Johnston, who has collected six goals in the qualifiers, was badly missed when Scotland lost 3-1 to European Group Five leaders Yugoslavia 3-1 in Zagreb last month.

Johnston, the only member of the Scottish squad to have played at the Parc des Princes, could be a thorn in the side of the French back four. Defender Richard Gough, who also missed the Zagreb game through injury, returns to the side.

France, by contrast, have been badly hit with top striker Jean-Pierre Papin and full-back Manuel Amoros, their most experienced player, ruled out.

Platini has called up young Sochaux stopper Franck Sauzeau to take over from Amoros at right-back and little winger Christian Perez is likely to push up into a striking role alongside Eric Cantona.

Though France could still go to Italy at Scotland's expense if they win, no-one in Platini's squad is viewing the possibility of qualification seriously. That would depend on the Scots flopping and losing their last match, a home game with Norway.

Platini is concentrating on building for the future. "I am keeping together the side which beat Sweden 4-2 in August because I want to work as if we are a club team," he said.

Probable teams:

France — Joel Bats Franck Sauzeau, Franck Sauzeu, Yvon le Roux, Eric Di Meo Jean-Marc Ferreri, Bernard Pardo, Didier Deschamps, Jean-Philippe Durand Eric Cantona, Christian Perez.

Scotland — Jim Leighton Richard Gough, Alex McLeish, Willie Miller, Maurice Malpas Steve Nicol, Jim Bett, Gordon Strachan, Paul McStay Mo Johnston, Ally McCoist.

Philipp agreed his side, beaten in all five of their qualifying matches, faced an uphill task against Portugal, who will get plenty of noisy support from thousands of Portuguese emigrants in West Germany.

The match has to be played in the West German town of Saarbrücken because Luxembourg's Municipal Stadium is being renovated.

"We have to be realistic. We're not fast enough. We don't often meet international teams and we play very, very slow in our League competition," Philipp said.

Luxembourg have conceded 16 goals and scored only once in their five group games. But asked whether he felt beaten in advance, Philipp said: "No, absolutely not."

Reuschel went eight innings allowing one unearned run and seven hits.

Chicago took a 1-0 lead in the third when Kevin Mitchell lost Jerome Walton's fly ball in the sun and dropped it for a two-base error. Ryne Sandberg doubled to score Walton.

The lone tally held up until the seventh when Clark led off with a triple into the right field corner that glanced off the glove of Andre Dawson. Mitchell's long sacrifice fly brought home Clark to knot the score.

Chicago fought valiantly in the ninth. With two out against relief ace Steve Bedrosian, singles by pinch-hitter Curtis Wilkerson, Mitch Webster

# Poland aim to stop England

CHORZOW, Poland, Oct 10, (Reuters): Poland believe they have found the key to unlocking England's defence in tomorrow's World Cup qualifier which is almost certain to make or break their bid to reach the finals for the fifth successive time.

Manager Andrzej Strelau boldly declared today that his players were capable of destroying England's unblemished World Cup defensive record.

The Poles' only victory in three European Group Two matches was a single goal success over outsiders Albania but Strelau is confident his new-look team can still qualify providing they beat England in the sombre surroundings of the Slaski Stadium in the heart of the mining region of Silesia.

"I saw England in Sweden last month and I spotted weaknesses in their defence," said Strelau. "All our pre-match training has been designed to exploit this weakness, if our strikers can exploit this we may still go to Italy."

Strelau's confidence stems from the prolific form of his overseas strikers Jan Furtok of Hamburg and Glasgow Celtic's Dariusz Dziekanowski.

Both possess the explosive pace capable of embarrassing England's defensive pillar Terry Butcher but they will need to produce something special in order to crack a defence yet to concede a goal in five qualifying ties — the best record in Europe.

It is a record of which veteran goalkeeper Peter Shilton is justifiably proud. "The whole defence has performed well as a unit and we are all aware one more shut-out would see us through to the finals," he said.

While the Poles must win against England and then beat Sweden and Albania to keep alive their qualifying hopes, England will be happy with a single point to guarantee them a place in the finals.

Yet manager Bobby Robson insists they will not play defensively. "I have never sent out a side without the object of winning and I don't intend to start now," he said. "It is not the English way."

England's 3-0 Wembley win over the Poles in June was a signal for change in Poland.

Out went much criticised manager Wojciech Lazarek who tried 33 different players last year and in came Strelau with the object of establishing some continuity.

Both teams say they are committed to attack which will suit Gary Lineker, the Tottenham striker who has scored four times in two games against the Poles.

Lineker, who excels on the break, will be aiming to add to his remarkable record of 29 goals in 39 international, especially if Marseille's Chris Waddle can supply crosses from the left.



Lineker: will get chance to increase tally

# Charlton wary of Cup showdown



Paul McGrath

LONDON, Oct 10, (Reuters): Ireland manager Jack Charlton admitted that World Cup nerves were affecting him on the eve of his side's qualifying showdown with Northern Ireland.

Charlton, who has steered his adopted country to the brink of qualification for the finals in Italy 23 years after helping England win the World Cup, knows that victory in the European Group Six tie tomorrow would remove almost all doubts but is still nervous about the outcome.

"The closer we get, the more apprehensive I become," said Charlton. "It's the most important game since I took over and I'll just be relieved when it's over if we've qualified."

"It's very special for Ireland.

We've promised them it and now it's there for us to take."

Ireland, who have not beaten their rivals in three previous meetings, are likely to be without defender Paul McGrath who has a hamstring injury.

But Liverpool midfielder Ray Houghton is fit to return and there will be a large crowd in Dublin roaring on the home side.

Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham promised that his side would not make life easy for Charlton's side.

"There's a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for Jack but I also want to come away with something for the future," he said.

Ireland will qualify if they win and Group leaders Spain defeat rivals Hungary in Budapest.

# Yugoslavia to face Norway

SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia, Oct. 10 (Reuters): Yugoslavia, already sure of a place in next year's World Cup finals, will enjoy an opportunity to throw caution to the wind when they meet Norway tomorrow.

Yugoslavia qualified from European Group Five last month when they beat Scotland 3-1 in Zagreb. That win left them with 10 points from six matches with two games to play.

"I'd like to see more risk, more improvisation, in our play," said coach Ivica Osim. "We may have qualified for Italy, but if we want to figure there we need to improve much more. We have to win this match."

# Clark lifts Giants into World Series against Athletics

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 10, (Reuters): Will Clark's two-run single in the eighth snapped a 1-1 tie and helped the San Francisco Giants beat the Chicago Cubs 3-2 yesterday to set up a World Series match against their American League neighbours, the Oakland Athletics.

The win gave the Giants a four games to one triumph in the National League championship series and earned them a short trip across San Francisco Bay to Oakland where the best-of-seven World Series begins on Saturday.

Chicago starter Mike Bielecki got the first two outs in the eighth but then

walked Candy Maldonado, Brett Butler and Robby Thompson in succession to load the bases.

Cubs manager Don Zimmer then removed the tiring Bielecki and brought in left-handed bullpen ace Mitch Williams to face the lefty-swinging Clark.

Williams worked the count to 1-2 before Clark singled up the middle to score Maldonado and Butler.

The clutch hit capped another brilliant game for Clark, who was named Most Valuable Player of the championship series.

Clark, who scored the giants' first run, set a series record with 24 total

bases. He drove in eight runs and scored eight times.

"I was just trying to hang in there. I fought off a few tough pitches," Clark said in the clubhouse, squinting through champagne that had been poured over his head. "I tip my cap to the Cubs. They played an excellent series."

After congratulating the losers, Clark cut loose with an exultant shout: "How about that Bay Bridge World Series."

San Francisco starter Rick Reuschel, a portly 30-year-old who started his career with the Cubs, was the winner, making up for a lopsided loss in

game to.

Reuschel went eight innings allowing one unearned run and seven hits.

Chicago took a 1-0 lead in the third when Kevin Mitchell lost Jerome Walton's fly ball in the sun and dropped it for a two-base error. Ryne

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Goodyear Trophy

THE Goodyear International Annual Gold Trophy Tournament will be held at the Ahmadi Golf Club on Oct 27 and the last date of receiving the entries is Oct 21. Only members of the Ahmadi Golf Club are eligible to participate in this tournament and they are requested to register their names at the club only.

## Zvereva wins

MOSCOW, Oct 10, (AP): It was no ordinary first-round match for Natalia Zvereva. On her shoulders, the 18-year-old from Minsk carried the hopes and dreams of a tennis-starved nation. "I can't remember being as nervous for the first round match," Zvereva said today after being compatriot Aida Khalatyan 6-3, 6-0 in the first professional tennis tournament to be staged in the Soviet Union.

## Kroon triumphs

SYDNEY, Oct 10, (Reuters): Sweden's Nils Kroon extended his successful Australian tennis run into the Sydney Indoor Championships today with a first round win over local favourite John Fitzgerald. The unseeded Kroon, surprise winner of last week's Queensland Open, beat the off-form fourth-seeded Australian 6-3, 6-4.

## United boss

LONDON, Oct 10, (Reuters): Bobby Charlton, worried that Manchester United's image has been severely damaged by a multi-million takeover saga, said today he was prepared to become the soccer club's chairman. "Of course, I would like to be chairman of Manchester United if the right person asked me," said Charlton, the popular former United and England striker.

## Uphill struggle

BUDAPEST, Oct 10, (Reuters): Hungary face an uphill struggle against group leaders Spain in a European Group Six soccer qualifier tomorrow if they are to claim a place in next year's World Cup final.

## No favours

BASLE, Switzerland, Oct 10, (Reuters): Belgium can expect no favours from Switzerland when they go in search of the two points they need to reach the World Cup soccer final next year in the St Jakob Stadium tomorrow. Despite last month's 2-1 home defeat by Portugal, which ended their hopes of qualifying for Italy, the Swiss will be going all out for a prestige win over Belgium, who are unbeaten in the five-team Group Seven with 10 points from six matches.

## Futur suspended

ZURICH, Oct 10, (Reuters): Czechoslovak striker Stanislav Griga was suspended for three matches and Portuguese forward Paulo Futre banned for two games following incidents in a World Cup soccer tie last week. Fifa announced today.

## Langer fifth

VIRGINIA WATER, England, Oct 10, (AP): Bernhard Langer moved up to fifth place on the PGA European Tour earnings list by winning the German Masters tournament during the weekend, according to figures released today by Tour officials.

## Legendary golfer

FORT WORTH, Texas, Oct 10, (AP): Legendary golfer Ben Hogan said yesterday his company decided to spend \$15 million on a PGA Tour because he feels he owes something to the game. "It's very important for me to repay my dues," Hogan said.

## Nick dies

TROY, New York, Oct 10, (AP): Dominick "Nick" Testa Sr., a professional boxer in the 1920s, has died at the age of 83. Testa died Friday at St Mary's Hospital after a long illness. He was buried Sunday.

## Bolivian player

ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct 10, (AP): The international soccer federation has given its go-ahead to Bolivia's Ramiro Castillo to continue to play for his current club, Argentinos Juniors of Argentina, a spokeswoman said today.

## Gullit out

MILAN, Italy, Oct 10, (Reuters): Dutch soccer star Ruud Gullit will be out for at least five more weeks because of a knee injury that has sidelined him since he masterminded AC Milan's European Cup final triumph last May, the Italian club said yesterday.

# About 1,400 athletes to attend championships

## People misinterpreted goals of Games: Sheikh Fahd

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times staff

THE deputy chairman of the Higher Organising Committee for the Peace and Friendship Games, scheduled to be held in Kuwait from Oct 30-Nov 12, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah said yesterday that some people had deliberately misinterpreted the goals of the Games and also put up some strong opposition over the holding of the event.

Sheikh Fahd, addressing a press conference at the organising committee's headquarters in Hawalli, said that the event which had initially been named as the Islamic Championships was interpreted as being harmful to Islam and other religions.

The deputy chairman added that the word Islamic had been dropped so as not to give the impression that the Games were directed against other religions.

Another problem that Kuwait faced in holding of the Games, Sheikh Fahd said, was getting permission for the event from the International Olympic Committee. The permission did not come until the IOC meeting in Puerto Rico early last month.

Sheikh Fahd said that the organising committee took example from HH the Amir's steadfastness during last year's "Jabrya" episode, and tackled all the obstacles that came their way. In the end, he said, not only were all the obstacles removed but also 43 countries agreed to attend the event.

Sheikh Fahd, who is also the chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia, Kuwait Football Association and the Kuwait Olympic Committee, said that all the requirements for the event were also completed in such a way which fits the status of Kuwait and this country's reputation in the world of sports.



Sheikh Fahd (2nd right) talks to the press

"As for those who tried to make sure that our efforts failed and put obstacles in our path, we will face them at another time and place of our own choosing," said Sheikh Fahd.

The KFA chief said that he had convened this press conference in order to let the world know the truth and also depict the true nature of the championship, which are the brainchild of HH the Amir.

In reply to a question as to why some countries had turned down Kuwait's invitation to participate in the event, Sheikh Fahd said that Kuwait had shown its willingness to receive all countries but he had been surprised by the attitude of Malaysia, which has decided not to take part in the championship.

He added that Malaysia had not offered any valid reasons to stay away from the Games and he felt that the decision had been a personal one by Datu Hamza — sports supremo in that country — and not a stand taken by the government.

The reason Malaysia gave, he said, was that their athletics team was to participate in the Asian Athletic Championships, scheduled for Nov 14. Sheikh Fahd felt that the Games would have helped Malaysia prepare for the Asian event. He added that a number of countries who are to take part in the meet will be coming to Kuwait before that event.

He gave the example of Qatar and Oman. He however, hoped that Malaysia would still take part in the event.

The championship, which will be opened under the patronage of HH the Amir on Oct 30, will bring together about 1,400 guests, grouping officials, athletes, coaches and media persons. The athletes will compete in football, basketball, volleyball, athletics and handball.

Cultural, social and entertainment programmes are to be held on the occasion of this Islamic festival.

About religious activities during the championship, Sheikh Fahd said the participants are to be taken to the Grand Mosque for Friday prayers and leaflets on Islamic preachings will be distributed.

Among the guests expected to be at the Games are the IOC president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, French national soccer team captain Michel Platini and the presidents of the five international federations of the sports to be held in the Games. Invitations have also been sent out to a number of other important personalities.

Sheikh Fahd stressed during yesterday's press conference that winning or losing was not of any importance in these Games because the aim of event was to crystallise the principles of brotherhood and peace.

The KFA president also praised the efforts made by HH

the Amir and also the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla. He, however, expressed dismay over some authorities' handling of the paper-work of some of the volunteers. He added that Kuwait needed the volunteers now and not on the day of the opening of the Games. He was optimistic that all would be fine by Oct 30.

In reply to a question as to why the opening had been set for Oct 30, which was also the date for the Bulgarian and Turkish delegations to meet in Kuwait and sort out their political problems, Sheikh Fahd said that this was just a coincidence, and had nothing to do with the championship.

Sheikh Fahd hoped that these games would become a regular four-year event. However, this would be up to the next chairman of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, HH the Amir is at the moment the current chairman.



Sheikh Fahd being presented with falcons before the start of the conference.

## All Blacks slip quietly into Britain for tour

LONDON, Oct 10, (Reuters): New Zealand's world champion rugby union side slipped quietly into Britain today in a disarmingly low-key start to their 13-match tour of Wales and Ireland.

Captain Wayne Shelford and coach Alex Wyllie, showing few ill-effects of an 11-hour flight from Vancouver, fielded a variety of questions without fuss at a news conference at a hotel near Heathrow airport.

But a flash of steel shone through when Shelford was asked about reports that he was being paid to make personal appearances during the tour in direct contravention of the game's amateur regulations.

"No comment," the powerfully-built New Zealand skipper said. He was not pressed for a reply.

British officials said later they had received "categorical assurances" from the New Zealand tour management that Shelford would not be paid.

New Zealand, unbeaten since 1986, play Wales and Ireland before finishing their tour with a match against the Barbarians at Twickenham.

It took until 1963 for New Zealand to record a win over Wales at Cardiff Arms Park.

But they have now won their last four matches at the Arms Park and their supremacy has been comprehensive over the past two years.

New Zealand thrashed Wales 49-6 in a 1987 World Cup semifinal, then humiliated them 52-3 and 54-9 at home last year.

## Florio extends San Remo lead to 35 seconds

URBINO, Italy, Oct 10, (Reuters): Alessandro Florio of Italy battled against mud and overheating to stretch his lead to more than half a minute during the second stage of the San Remo Rally today.

Florio, an eight-valve Lancia Delta Integrale, took his 18-second overnight margin over second-placed Toyota driver Carlos Sainz of Spain to 35 seconds with wins in the last three of the morning's six special stages on dirt.

Sainz' Finnish team-mate, 1987 world champion Juha Kankkunen, hung on to third, but his overnight deficit almost quadrupled to two minutes and four seconds.

Roads were turned to mud by days of rain and Florio had the additional hardship of a boiling radiator to contend with.

Florio, joint second in the battle for the world drivers' title, is seeking his first victory of the season in the San Remo. Italian championship leader Massimo Biasion will retain his world title if he repeats his 1988 triumph in the rally.

Biasion, in the new 16-valve Lancia, won the first three of the morning's special stages but then lost valuable seconds when he spun and lies fourth overall, two minutes and 12 seconds behind Florio.

## World team squash results

SINGAPORE, Oct 10, (Reuters): Results of round-robin matches in the World Team Squash Championship today (top four teams in Group A and B qualify for quarter-finals).

Group A:  
Pakistan 3 France 0 (Pakistani names first):  
Jahangir Khan beat Julien Bonnet 9-3 9-1 9-0; Umar Hayat Khan beat Eric Claudel 9-6 9-1 9-3; Zarek Jahan Khan beat Alexander Denis 9-0 9-0 9-0.

New Zealand 2 Sweden 1 (New Zealand names first):  
Ross Norman beat Fredrik Johnson 9-3 9-2 9-3; Rory Watt lost to Anders Wahlstedt 3-9 2-9 2-9; Stephen Cunningham beat Jonas Gornert 9-1 10-9 9-1 9-1.

Canada 2 Scotland 1 (Canadian names first):  
Gary Waite lost to Mark MacLean 6-9

2-9 5-9; Sabir Butt beat Frank Ellis 9-1 9-0 9-1; Jamie Crombie beat Alan Thomson 9-4 9-3 10-9-1.

Group B:  
Australia 3 Netherlands 0 (Australian names first):  
Rodney Martin beat Raymond Schaffer 9-6 9-6 9-3; Chris Robertson beat Erik van der Pluijm 10-9 9-5 2-9 9-1; Brett Martin beat Michael Verhoeven 9-6 9-2 9-4.

England 3 Singapore 0 (English names first):  
Del Harris beat Peter Hill 9-1 9-0 2-9 9-9.

Bryan Besson beat Zainal Abidin 9-26 9-9 10-8; Simon Parke beat Anthony Chua 9-0 9-5 9-5.

Finland 2 Egypt 1 (Finnish names first):  
Sami Elomero beat Ahmed Taber 9-1 9-2 9-4; Pentti Pekkanen lost to Gamal El Amir 1-9 3-9 4-9; Marko Pulli beat Amir Wagh 6-9 9-7 9-2 9-5.

## Al Sawi and Al Wani reach tennis final



Sheikh Ahmad (left), member of the Kuwait Tennis Association board, receives shield from Dr Al Jammal. Right: Sheikh Fahd with some visiting delegations.



EGYPTIANS Thamer Al Sawi and Mohammed Al Wani reached the final of the under-18 event at the Arab Brotherhood Tennis Championship at the Ramada Al Salam courts on Monday evening.

The final was to be played late last night, and with that the

championships was to come to an end.

Al Sawi defeated Bahrain's Nader Jafer 6-0 6-0 while Al Wani also had an easy 6-1 6-2 victory over his Iraqi opponent.

In the under-16 semifinals, Egypt's Amri ghumaim defeated Kuwait's Tareq Hadeed 7-6 6-1

and Mohammed Jassem beat Kuwait's Tareq Al Subaihi 7-6 6-3.

A Kuwait pair, however, reached the finals when Khaled Rashed and Waleed Al Banai beat Bahrain's Mohammed Saleh and Nader Jafer 6-1 7-6.

They will face Thamer and Al

Wani who beat Moroccans Hatem Al Sharabi and Amr Shadi 6-1 6-0.

The competition has been taking place for the last eight days and was to culminate with the finals and the prize distribution ceremony last night.

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